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WHAT IS THE PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION?

The Parents' National Educational Union has arisen in response to a demand from thoughtful parents. It has grown out of their desire to study the laws which govern habit and the principles upon which to select ideas that inspire and educate; their desire to know how to deal with hereditary tendencies and how to give intelligent supervision and guidance to the development of their children's whole nature, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.

The rapid accumulation during late years of data bearing upon the interaction of body, mind and moral sense, has made it needful to reconsider many old established ideas about Education. Parents and teachers are now aware that they must to some extent neutralize each other's work and weaken its results, unless they take counsel together.

The Union aims at giving opportunities for the study of Educational problems, and a meeting ground for intercourse between parents, teachers, and all who are interested in Education. Special stress is laid on the use of the word Education, in its widest sense, not as meaning instruction only, but the development of the whole nature, on the underlying principle that "Character is everything." The two functions of Education (as it is understood by the Union), are the presentation of ideas and the formation of habits. These two, it will be seen, are the chief means at our disposal for the modification of character.

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PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS.

The Central Principles, to which all Local Branches of the Society—(while free to organize themselves)—shall be pledged, are:—1. That a Religious basis of work be maintained. 2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads: (*a*) Physical; (*b*) Mental; (*c*) Moral; and (*d*) Spiritual. 3. That arrangements concerning Lectures etc., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers. That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes. *The objects are:*—(*a*) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character. (*b*) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (*c*) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable to all. (*d*) To stimulate their enthusiasm, through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (*e*) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education, by harmonizing home and school training.

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RULES.

Name.

1. The Union shall be called the "Parents' National Educational Union."

2. The Organization of the Union shall comprise:—
   (*a*) The Council.
   (*b*) An Executive Council.
   (*c*) Local Branches.

The Council.

3. The Union shall be under the control of the Council, which shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch and co-opted members.

4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers and one-third of the co-opted members of the Council (who shall retire in rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election) shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

5. The Executive Committee shall be annually elected by the Council from among its members, and shall be responsible for the management of the Union.

6. At any Meeting of the Council five shall form a quorum.

7. The accounts of the Union shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant, who shall be appointed each year at the Annual Meeting.

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Executive Committee.

8. The Executive shall consist of the President, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch which received not less than fifty subscriptions, and fifteen other members who shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. Nominations of new Members for the Executive Committee must be sent in to the Secretary ten clear days before the date of such election. If more than fifteen members are nominated the election shall be by ballot. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than four times a year. Each year at its first Meeting a Chairman shall be elected for that year.

11. At any Meeting of the Executive Committee, three shall form a quorum.

12. No opposed business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Executive Committee, unless previous notice of such business shall have appeared on the Agenda.

13. The Executive Committee shall have power to make or alter by-laws for the management of the Union, provided always that the by-laws be not contrary to the principles, objects, or rules, of the Union, as printed and circulated in the Annual Report.

14. The Council shall decide as to what salaried Officer or Officers shall be appointed. The appointment and dismissal of such Officer or Officers, with the amount of their salaries, shall be in the hands of the Executive.

Meetings.

15. The Council shall hold an Annual Meeting to fill up vacancies in their body, to receive the Report and

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Balance Sheet of the previous year, to appoint the Auditor, to elect the Honorary Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, to decide on questions involving new departures in procedure, &c.

16. The General Annual Meeting shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Council, for the purpose of reading the Report of the past year, and for otherwise promoting the interests of the Union.

17. The Council may be summoned by the President, by the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary on the receipt of a requisition in writing from fifty members of the Union. Fourteen days' notice of every Meeting of the Council must be given.

18. No Meeting shall be convened under Clause 17 unless the notice convening the same express the object for which the meeting has been summoned; and no business, other than that specified on the Notice, shall be transacted at such Meeting.

19. At all Meetings, the Chairman of each Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

20. No alteration shall be made in the Rules except by a two thirds majority of those present at the Annual Meeting of the Council, or at a Council-Meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Local Branches.

21. A Local Branch of the Union may be formed in any district by or with the approval of the Executive Committee, after which such Branch itself shall be free to organise, and make its own by-laws, provided such by-laws shall not be contrary to the principles and objects of the Union.

22. Each Local Branch shall have the power to fix the amount of the Annual Subscription to be paid by its members.

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23. Each Local Branch shall send to the General Secretary, one month before the Annual Meeting each year, the name of its Representative to the Council for the coming year.

24. The Council shall publish a journal, and each member of the Union subscribing not less than ten shillings per annum shall be entitled to receive a copy of the journal as published.

25. Each Local Branch shall pay an annual capitation fee to the Council. This fee shall be 20% on their income derived from subscriptions for Branches within the London Postal District, and 10% on their income derived from subscriptions for Country Branches. In addition to the annual capitation fees, each newly-established Local Branch shall pay an affiliation fee of one guinea to the Council.

26. A payment of £3 3*s*. constitutes Life Membership to the Union. Life Members are Hon. Members of all Branches.

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Parents' National Educational Union.

GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT,

MAY, 1902.

THE work of the Union for the last year affords sufficient evidence that it has been advancing steadily in the direction which has been indicated by its founder, Miss Charlotte Mason. It may be a long time before its influence will be fully felt, but if each year there is an increase in the number of parents who realize its work and principles, as has been the case in the year through which we have just passed, the progress must be considered satisfactory. The field that parents labour in is a large one and their difficulties are many. We are glad to feel that our work is helping thousands of parents and teachers towards the solution of some at least of these difficulties.

It is a cheering sign that almost everywhere a broader definition of education is being accepted. We are gradually enlisting wider sympathy in our teaching that "character is everything," and that by the inspiration of ideas and the formation of habits we can best strengthen character.

Parents are beginning more and more to realize how vastly great *their* part is in this true education. They are more and more willing to accept the help, advice and sympathy of other workers in the field of education.

Hardly anyone becomes a member of the P.N.E.U. without feeling grateful for its help, and strengthened and inspired by coming in touch with others who are all endeavouring to fit themselves for their high and responsible calling. This we feel can best be done by keeping before us the ideal "to produce a human being at his best physically, mentally, morally and religiously—quickened by the enthusiasms of religion, of goodness,

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of nature, of knowledge, of art, of literature, and of manual work," and by trying to secure for the child entrusted to our care that education which is "an atmosphere, a discipline and a life."

Conference. The Fifth Annual Conference was again largely attended. The approximate numbers of people attending each meeting were :—First Morning, 130; Second Morning, 150; Third Morning, 220; Fourth Morning, 100; about 120 were present at the Afternoon Lecture in Great Cumberland Place; 110 at the Lecture given to Children's Nurses; 35 were present at the Local Secretaries' Meeting; and over 500 people attended the Evening Conversazione. For the first time we had the pleasure of our Presidents' (the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen's) presence at our Conference. Both in turn presided at the Conversazione, when Mr. Claude G. Montefiore gave an address on "Motives," and Lady Aberdeen attended nearly all the proceedings during the week. Miss Mason's paper on "Education is a Life," followed by various papers from ex-students, opened the Conference, and during the week most helpful and inspiring papers were also read by Miss Lily H. Montagu on "Hero-worship as a Factor in Education"; Mrs. Clement Parsons, "The Education of an Only Child"; Mr. J. H. Badley, "A Father's Place in Education"; Rev. H. Beeching, "Early Religious Training of Children." We have reason to feel that as in former years the success of the Conference can hardly be gauged by mere numbers, but that no one could have been present without feeling that they had been "in an atmosphere of ideas and ideals, and ideals in process of realization."

New Branches started. Winchester and Woking.

Branches about to be started. The Executive Committee have also been approached with a view to starting Branches at the following places :—

Barry (Glamorgan)	Dublin	Norwich
Bradford	Dunfermline	Nottingham
Brisbane	Esher	Prestbury
Bristol	Guildford	Reigate
Cardiff	Huddersfield	Surbiton
Cheltenham	Manchester	Swansea
Croydon		

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Branches lapsed. Eastbourne and Adelaide.

Natural History Club. In London rambles were arranged during the year, under the guidance of Mr. Francis Rowbotham. Many Country Branches have most successful Clubs, some of these and also individual members sent up exhibits which were shown during the Conference week. A Lecture to Children was given by Mr. Rowbottham which was listened to and enjoyed by about 150 children. This year no Exhibition will be held, and it is hoped that members will send instead to the Exhibition to be held in July, under the auspices of the Nature Study Society; a Lecture however is arranged to be given by Mr. Kearton. The circulation of the admirable *Children's Quarterly*, which every family should take in, now reaches 200.

Parents' Review. The circulation of the *Parents' Review* is slightly over 2000. It increases in interest month by month; the chance perusal of any number seems invariably to lead to the gain of a new member. This fact suggests to all members an excellent way of helping at once the Parents' Union, and those to whom it is unknown, or who are, as yet, outside the sphere of its helpful influence. A Fund is now being started for the purpose of purchasing the *Review* from the Company which has hitherto owned it. It has been thought best that the Union which prints and publishes it should also own it; many members in subscribing towards this Fund have written testifying to their appreciation of the magazine, and their gratitude towards those early friends of the Union who by forming this Company enabled Miss Mason to start it. About £200 are still needed to complete the purchase; subscriptions will be gladly received at the office.

Central Office. We have again to record a change in the Secretaryship. Miss Russell has been obliged to leave us, as she is taking up work in South Africa. She has been succeeded by Miss F. Noël Armfield. The increase of the correspondence at the office clearly shows how widespread the interest in the Union is becoming.

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The Library. The Library now consists of about 600 volumes. It has been thoroughly re-organized and will very shortly include all the books used in the Mothers' Educational Course. It is hoped that an increasing number of members will make use of the advantages offered to them by this Library, which is kept at the office. They can here also purchase copies of Mrs. Clement Parsons' address on "The Principles and Objects of the Union," price 6*d*, which is one of the best and readiest means for propagating the fundamental ideas and practical aims of the Union, and also the following books and pamphlets:—

1. "The Parents' Review" (the monthly organ of the Union), price 6*s*. 6*d*. annually; single copies, post free, 7½*d*. Specimen copies can be obtained free of charge.
2. "A Talk to Nurses," by Dr. Helen Webb, price 2*d*.
3. "Home Safeguards against Boyhood's Dangers," by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton, Head Master of Haileybury College, price 1½*d*.
4. Catalogue of the Library, price 4*d*.; Appendix, 1½*d*.
5. "History of the P.N.E.U.," by Miss Kitching, Sec. of the House of Education, price 2*d*.
6. "The Children's Quarterly," edited by the Committee of the Reading Natural History Club, price 6*d*.; obtainable also from Mrs. Stanley Hayward, Hazelwood, Kendrick Road, Reading.
7. "Nature Lore and Nature Note Books," by Miss Hodgson, formerly lecturer at the House of Education, price 9*d*.
8. "The Child at Home," by Mrs. Clement Parsons, price 6*d*.
9. "Children at Home," reprinted from the *Parents' Review* by the Reading Branch of the P.N.E.U., price 2*d*.
10. "Home Education" and "Parents and Children," by Miss C. Mason, price 4*s*. 6*d*. each.
11. "The Home Training of Children," by Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Organising Sec. of the P.N.E.U., reprinted from the Board of Education's "Special Reports on Educational Subjects," Vol. 6, price 3*d*.

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The last mentioned pamphlet was written in response to a very flattering invitation to Mrs. Franklin and Miss Mason, from Mr. Sadler and Mr. Cotterill (Editors of "Special Reports on Educational Subjects," published by the Board of Education), to write articles for their current number. Miss Mason was unfortunately unable to respond to their request, but Mrs. Franklin's article was accepted, and is now published in pamphlet form. This invitation was the direct result of the impression made on the Editors of these Reports by the P.N.E.U. Conference, a noteworthy fact.

The Editor of *Temple Bar* has commissioned our valued member of the Executive, Mrs. Clement Parsons, to write an article dealing with Education as understood in the Union. This article will appear in May and is awaited with eagerness by many of us.

Conference 1902. The forthcoming Conference promises to be of very great interest. This year Miss Mason's paper introducing "Education as the Science of Relations" will form the key-note of the whole Conference. Various speakers will deal with the various "relations." Their mere names, as given by the Programme of the Conference, are inspiring. With so much done for us by the Union, it behoves us to consider what each individual member is doing for it. How do we show our gratitude—and, more, our deep sense of responsibility? We have been called—do we walk worthy of our calling? We have embraced a cause—do we uphold its traditions and its honour? We are links in a chain that we fain would have strong and perfect, yet this can only be so if every link is good and true.

If our ideal is worth anything, it is worth individual struggle and effort. Let each one look to it, and, as of all good things, so we must realize of this one, that it is not to be a selfish possession; if, in this case, as in so many others, working for others means our own gain—if we believe that knowledge has come to us, let us, with all our heart and soul, and to the best of our abilities, spread that knowledge.

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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION, CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Sundry Creditors, *re Parents' Review* Account ..	87 8 7	
,, Parents' Review Co., Ltd. (their half share of the year's net profit)	44 19 2	
		132 7 9
,, Sundry Reserves		24 5 0
,, General Revenue Account (balance thereon)		150 18 2
		£307 10 11

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.
By Sundry Debtors, *re Parents' Review* Account	37 13 6
,, House of Education Fees Outstanding ..	57 0 0
,, Cash at Bank	206 16 5
,, Cash in hand	6 1 0
	£307 10 11

REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1st January to 31st December, 1901.

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EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Rent, Gas, Coal, Salaries, &c.	153 14 10	
,, *Less* Amount Chargeable to *Parents' Review* ..	61 11 0	
		92 3 10
,, Printing and Stationery		61 2 4
,, Postages and Parcels, &c.		18 0 3
,, Travelling		1 0 0
,, Furniture and Fittings		2 8 6
,, Subscriptions to Art for Schools Association	1 1 0	
Library, &c.	5 5 0	
*London Fever Hospital ..	2 2 0	
		8 8 0
,, Lecture Fees		2 6 8
,, †Meetings and Conference ..		4 4 6
,, General Revenue Account, Net Profit ..		46 8 8
		£236 2 9

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Subscriptions		31 16 6
,, *Parents' Review*, Gross Profit	151 9 4	
,, *Less* Half Rent and Salary ..	61 11 0	
	89 18 4	
,, *Less Parents' Review*, Half Share of Net Profit	44 19 2	
		44 19 2
,, Affiliation Fees	4 14 6	
,, Capitation Fees	72 12 8	
		77 7 2
,, House of Education Fees		57 6 6
,, Subscription from Hyde Park Branch to Central Office and Library ..		15 0 0
,, Branch, Amount handed over to Head Office		0 14 0
,, Natural History Club		3 15 0
,, Literature		5 4 5
		£236 2 9

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.
1901. Dec. 31. To Balance carried down ..	150 18 2
	£150 18 2

	£ s. d.
1901. Jan. 1. By Balance from 1900 ..	104 9 6
Dec. 31. ,, Revenue Account, Net Profit ..	46 8 8
	£150 18 2
1901. Dec. 31. By Balance brought down ..	150 18 2

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Parents' National Educational Union, and certify that the foregoing Accounts are in accordance therewith.

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April, 1902.

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Branch Representative: Lady CAMPBELL.

Number of Members, 126.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 31st, 1901.—"The Teaching of Sight Singing to Children." Dr. SAWYER.

November 18th, 1901.—*Annual Meeting*, and "What we mean by Education." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

December 10th, 1901.—"Self-Reliance and Public Opinion." Miss MONTGOMERIE.

January 18th, 1902.—"A Prisoner of the Bastille under Richelieu." Mrs. CRUMP, F.R.H.S.

January 30th, 1902.—"Time for Growth." Canon The Hon. EDWARD LYTTELTON, Headmaster of Haileybury.
(To which other Branches were invited).

February 5th, 1902.—"Restlessness of Modern Youth." Miss BETH FINLAY.

February 5th, 1902.—"Why we should join the P.N.E.U." To non-members of the Union. Mrs. FRANKLIN.

February 26th, 1902.—"Nursery Hygiene." Dr. HELEN WEBB.

March 14th, 1902.—A Discussion Meeting, dealing with the subjects raised in Canon Lyttelton's lecture. Opened by Mrs. FRANKLIN. Mrs. Howard Glover in the chair.

A Reading Circle has been held fortnightly, at each of which a short paper has been read, after which there has been a general discussion. The subjects chosen have been from the two books, *Addresses*, by Edward Thring, and *Levana*, by Richter.

Natural History Rambles will be arranged on Wednesday afternoons, beginning May 14th, 1902.

A P.R.S. Class will be arranged in the neighbourhood of Eaton Square, if enough children join.

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BIRKENHEAD BRANCH.

Owing to various unforeseen causes the Committee of the Birkenhead Branch of the P.N.E U. have all been obliged either to resign or to leave the neighbourhood, and so far it has been impossible to form a committee, therefore it was decided to have no lectures this year. The Secretary hopes to resume the lectures after the Conference.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

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Number of Members, 63.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 28th, 1901.—"How Parents may help forward True Education." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

February 20th, 1902.—"Enthusiasms." Mr. A. P. CARY FIELD.

March 20th, 1902.—"The need of Definite Ideals." Mrs. PHILLP.

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Branch Representative: Mrs. EDWARD CROOK.

Number of Members, 30.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 26th, 1901.—"Art Teaching for Children." Miss ANNIE EVANS.

November 25th, 1901.—"The Growth of a Town." W. L. LYDE, Esq., Head Master of the Grammar School, Bolton.

January 16th, 1902.—"The Teaching of Science to Young Children." Miss EDYTH DAVIES.

March 3rd, 1902.—Two papers read by Mrs. POTTS and Mrs. CROPPER, on *The Teaching of Morality* (Byrant), the book chosen for the Branch to read and discuss.

April 7th, 1902.—"The Training of the Artistic Faculty in Children." Mrs. W. BARLOW.

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BOURNEMOUTH AND BOSCOMBE BRANCH.

President: Lady DODESWORTH.

Committee:

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Dr. GARDNER
Dr. ROBERTS THOMSON
Mr. HOOPER, H.M.I.S.
Mr. SMYTHE
Dr. GUNTON TURNER
Miss WILLIAMS.

Hon. Secretary: Miss C. AGNES ROOPER.

Hon Treasurer: Mrs. GUNTON TURNER.

Number of Members, 44.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October, 1901.—"Food Stuffs in connection with Children's Teeth." WILSON HOGUE, ESQ.

November, 1901.—"Plant Collecting." Professor HULME.

January, 1902.—"Some advantages of our Public School System of Education." P. EVANS, Esq.

February, 1902.—"First Steps in Science." T. G. ROOPER, Esq., H.M.I.S.

March, 1902.—"Some modern ideas in the Education of Girls." Miss BUCKTON, Vice Principal Sesame House.

The Juvenile Natural History Society held two very successful exhibitions, one in the spring and one in the autumn, when the exhibits were decidedly an advance on those of former years.

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

President: The LADY LOUISE LODER.

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Branch Representative: Mrs. ALEX. J. CARDEN.

Number of Members, 50.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 7th, 1901.—"The Power of Silence." Miss SOULSBY.

December 6th, 1901.—"Nursery Discipline." Mrs. RIDGES.

January 14th, 1902.—"Formation of Habit." Dr. HELEN WEBB.

February 21st, 1902.—"A Waverley Novel for a Child." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

March 7th, 1902.—"Openings for Girls in the Lighter Branches of Agriculture" Miss EDITH BRADLEY.

BRONDESBURY AND KILBURN BRANCH.

President: MISS ALICE WOODS (Maria Grey Training College).

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The Rev. O. TRIBE
The Rev. Dr. WALKER

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Hon Treasurer: Miss CASE, Winkworth Hall, Brondesbury.

Branch Representative: C. W. CUNNINGTON, Esq.

Number of Members, 40.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 8th, 1901.—Annual General Meeting at 8 p.m. Lecture by the President, Miss ALICE WOODS, at 8.30 p.m., on "Attention."

October 22nd, 1901.—Discussion opened by C. K. GRANVILLE, Esq., B.A., at 8.30 p.m., on "The Teaching of Arithmetic."

November 5th, 1901.—Lecture by Miss MURRAY, at 8.30 p.m, on "Frobelianism."

November 19th, 1901.—Discussion opened by Mrs. DOUGLAS WILSON, at 8.30 p.m., on "Fairy Tales."

December 3rd, 1901.—Lecture by J. L. Paton, Esq., M.A., at 8.30 p.m., on "English Public Schools."

January 21st, 1902.—Lecture by Mrs. DOUGLAS WILSON to the adult members of the Natural History Club, on "The Awakening of Nature."

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NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Rev. Dr. WALKER (President).
Mrs. D. WILSON (Treasurer)
Mrs. C. W. CUNNINGTON (Secretary).

This Club is in a very flourishing condition, numbering about 60 members (adults and children). During the past year several very enjoyable excursions have been taken to Northwood, Epping Forest, and Stanmore, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Rev. L. D'Orsey, and Mr. James Whiting.

An exhibition of collections of butterflies and other insects, flowers, sea-weeds, fossils, &c., and of drawings in nature note books, was held at Mrs. C. W. Cunnington's, in the autumn, and the prizes promised by different members were awarded to the winners by the Rev. Dr. Walker, Mrs Wilson, and Miss Mitchell. The prizes were given at a later date by the President, when the children were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Cunnington, and lantern slides of the moon were shown, with a short talk about craters.

In January, Mrs. Wilson gave a most interesting lecture on the "Awakening of Nature," a general invitation being given to all members.

DARLINGTON BRANCH.

President: Lady DALE.

Vice-Presidents:

Lady EDEN
Mrs. JAMES BACKHOUSE
Mrs. A. F. PEASE
The Rev. F. W. MORTIMER

Committee:

Mrs. HAVELOCK-ALLAN
Mrs. MEEK
Miss KATHERINE PEASE
HENRY BACKHOUSE, Esq.
HUGH GORDON, Esq.
W. A. SPAFFORD, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. A. FOTHERGILL, Raydaleside.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs SPAFFORD, Training College.

Branch Representative: Miss KATHERINE PEASE.

Number of Members, 70.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October, 1901.—"Education as understood by the P.N.E.U." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

November, 1901.—"Ease of Speech and Voice Culture." Miss RITA BURNABY.

January, 1902.—"Some Modern Ideals in the Education of Women." Miss Alice BUCKTON.

February, 1902.—"The Limitations of Theory." Mrs. JAMES BACKHOUSE.

March, 1902.—"Personality in Children." The Rev. J. G. SIMPSON.

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NATURAL HISTORY CLUB FOR CHILDREN.

The following Lectures have been given by Miss MARY SIMPSON, of Leeds, to the members:—

March, 1901.—"Catkins."
May, 1901.—"A Woodland Flower."
June, 1901.—"Bees."

Excursions have been conducted by Miss SIMPSON, and a portfolio, containing drawings and papers by the children, has been circulated among the members of the club.

DERBY BRANCH.

President:—The Rev. TALBOT.

Committee:

Mrs. RICE
Mrs. WAGER
Dr. LUCE
Mr. H. ARNOLD BEMROSE
MISS TUKE

Hon. Secretaries:—Mrs. HOWELL and Mrs. ARNOLD BEMROSE.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. E. S. JOHNSON.

Number of Members, 85.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

May, 1901.—"The value of Home Life in Education," by Mrs. WAGER.

August, 1901.—Geological excursion to Matlock, Bath, led by H. ARNOLD BEMROSE, Esq.

Autumn, 1901.—"A talk about Great Pictures." Miss EVANS.

" " General Meeting. Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS on "Children and Romance."

January, 1902.—"Function of a Child's Skin." Dr. RICE.

February 28th, 1902.—"The Training of Children in Science." H. WAGER, Esq.

March 17th, 1902.—"Her method of Pianoforte Teaching." Mrs. SPENCER CURWEN.

DULWICH BRANCH.

President: Rev J. H. MALLINSON, M.A.

Committee:

Dr. G. BATTEN
Mrs. MARSHALL
Mrs. EVAN SPICER
Miss WOODMAN
Mr. G. C. WHITELEY
Mrs. G. C. WHITELEY
Mrs. STUART LOW
Mrs. WOODINGTON

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. MAY.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. MILLIGAN.

Branch Representative: Mrs. MILLIGAN.

Number of Members, 37.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:

May 17th, 1901.—"The Spirit of Reverence." Miss CARTA STURGE.

September 26th, 1901.—"Oddities of the Sea." Rev. THEODORE WOOD, F.E.S.

October 8th, 1901.—"Simplification in Life." Miss DE LA CHEROIS-CROMMELIN.

November 8th, 1901.—"The Stars." Mr. STALLEY.

December 5th, 1901.—"A Trip to the Greek Archipelago and Southern Asia Minor." Mr. G. STRETTON.

January 21st, 1902.—"Observing and Collecting." Mr. FRANCIS ROWBOTHAM.

February 7th, 1902.—"Rome." Rev. J. H. HASLAM.

March 13th, 1902.—"How Browning tells a Story." Mr. R. SOMERWELL.

CHILDREN'S NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. J. M. MARSHALL, 10, Herne Hill, S.E.

There were 36 members of the Children's Natural History Club last year. Some very interesting lectures were given, and one delightful country excursion was made. Other excursions were arranged, but had to be given up owing to bad weather.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. FREELAND BARBOUR	J. W. BRODIE-INNES, Esq.
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Mrs. CHARTERIS	F. GRANT OGILVIE, Esq., M.A., B.Sc.
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Hon Secretary:

Mrs. BERRY HART, 29, Charlotte Square,

Hon. Treasurer:

Mrs. WILLIAM THOMSON, 17, Drummond Place.

Branch Representative: Mrs. WARDLAW RAMSAY, Whitehill, Rosewell.

Number of Members, 84.

List of Lectures or Meetings:

November 29th, 1901.—"The Chassevant Method of Teaching Music." Miss GIBB.

January 27th, 1902.—"Some Modern Ideals in the Education of Women." Miss BUCKTON, Sesame House.

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February 25th, 1902.—"Some points in the training of younger Children which have a bearing on the problems of Adolescence." Dr. DRUMMOND, author of *The Child*, etc.

March 24th, 1902.—"Parents and Masters." The Rev. CANON SKRINE, Warden of Glenalmond.

On the first Saturday in November, an exhibition of children's collections was held at 29, Charlotte Square—these included pressed flowers and leaves arranged and named, nature note books, sea-weeds, shells, paintings from nature, photographs of animals, &c., &c.

Lectures were also arranged for children during the Christmas holidays, the first on December 27th, when Mr. Stephen gave a very interesting account of historic Edinburgh, illustrated by lantern slides.

The second on January 3rd, lecturer, Mr. Godfrey, subject, "The Birds of Edinburgh."

An evening meeting for children's nurses was held on Wednesday, January 15th, conducted by Mrs. Greenfield, who proposes to continue these "Talks" should a sufficient number of nurses send in their names.

FINCHLEY BRANCH.

President: Dr. MCCLURE.

Committee:

Miss CHIGNELL	Mr. and Mrs. BLAKE ODGERS
Mr. and Mrs. P. CLARKE	Mr. and Mrs. PRESTON
Mr. and Mrs. DILLEY	Mr. and Mrs. SYMONDS
Mrs. MCCLURE	Mr. and Mrs. WALLACE
Mrs. MILLS	Mr. and Mrs. C. WIMBUSH

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. RAMSEY WILSON.

Hon. Treasurer: C. H. CLAYTON, Esq.

Number of Members, 42.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 10th, 1901.—Opening Address. Dr. MCCLURE.

October 16th, 1901.—Inaugural Meeting of Natural History Club for Young People. Miss HART DAVIS.

November 7th, 1901.—"Sympathy between Parents and Children." C. D. OLIVE, Esq.

December 9th, 1901.—"The Sphere of Parental Choice." Miss ALICE WOODS

February 6th, 1902.—"The Home through the Schoolmaster's Spectacles." J. T. PHILLIPSON.

March 6th, 1902.—"The training of Young Citizens." Miss CARTA STURGE.

May 8th, 1902.—"Nervous Disorders as they affect the Education of Children." G. W. H. Savage, Esq., M.D.

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FOREST HILL BRANCH.

President: Rev. A. F. Bird, Forest Hill House.

Committee:

Rev. A. F. Bird
Dr. Bundey
Mrs. Locke
Mrs. Neilson
Miss Pound
Mrs. Thornbery
Mr. G. D. Elliman

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Thornbery, Penrith, Honor Oak Park.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. George D. Elliman, 2, Honor Oak Park.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Gray, Manor House, Honor Oak Road.

Number of Members, 29.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

June, 1901.—Shakesperian Recital. Mr. Stafford Webber.

July, 1901.—Picnic to Addington Woods.

October, 1901.—"Dante's *Commedia*." Mr. Herbert Garrod.

November, 1901.—"Co-operation between Parents and Teachers." Miss Haigh, Reading.

December, 1901.—"Illustrated Journalism," with lime-light views. Mr. W. Hodgson.

January, 1902.—"Simplicity." Mrs. Clement Parsons.

February, 1902.—Discussion on "Companionships."

March, 1902.—"Environment of a Child." Dr. Batten.

GLASGOW BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Mirrlees.

Committee:

Mrs. Mirrlees
Mrs. Fingland
Mrs. Frame
Mrs. Young
Mrs. L. Gow
Mrs. Reilte
Mrs. R. S. Allan
Mrs. Maxwell Hannay
Mrs. Robert Jardine

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Robert Jardine.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Maxwell Hannay.

Number of Members, 38.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 21st, 1901.—"How Parents may best help the work of a School." Mr. W. L. Laming.

December 20th, 1901.—"Physical Education—the Swedish Free Drill and Medical Gymnastics." Madame Akerbladh.

February 7th, 1902.—"The Development of the Mind." Dr. Schlomka.

March 11th, 1902.—"A few hints as to the care of the Teeth in early life." Mr. D. Fergus.

A Botany Class has been conducted once a month during the months November to April inclusive. It is open to both parents and children on payment of a small fee.

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HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.

President: Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B.

Chairman of Committee: J. L. Paton, Esq., M.A.

Committee:

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Mr. and Mrs. Howgrave Graham
C. Herbert Smith, Esq., LL.D.
Miss Hannah B. Herford
Macrae Moir, Esq.
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C. Simmons, Esq., M.A.
Mrs. Hamo Thornycroft

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Howard Glover, 35, Steeles Road, Hampstead.

Hon. Treasurer: G. D. Pidcock, Esq., M.D.

Branch Representative: Mrs. C. Herbert Smith.

Number of Members, 94.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October, 1901.—"How to Show Children the National Gallery." Miss Annie Evans.

November, 1901.—"The Literary Atmosphere of the Home." Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B.

December, 1901.—"Neurotic Children." Miss Helen Webb, M.B. (Lond).

February, 1902.—"The Restlessness of Modern Youth." Miss Beth Finlay.

March, 1902.—"What to Tell Children about the Old Testament." Rev. A. A. Green, Rabbi of the Hampstead Synagogue.

June, 1902.—"A Short Account of the House of Education," by an Ex-student, and "Some Impressions of the Conference," by Mrs. E. L. Franklin.

Average attendance has been 56.

The following Joint Meetings have been held with the other London Branches:—

January, 1901.—A lecture to children, "Prisoner of the Bastille under Richelieu," by Mrs. Crump, F.R.Hist.S.

January, 1901.—"Time for Growth." Hon. and Rev. Canon E. Lyttelton.

February, 1901.—Lecture to nurses. Dr. Helen Webb.

Natural History Excursions will be arranged for children on Wednesday afternoons in May, June and July.

ENGLEFIELD GREEN BRANCH.

Committee:

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Mrs. Drummond
Miss Harvey
Rev. F. E. Hutchinson
A. Lodge, Esq.
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Hon. Treasurer: R. J. Woods, Esq., Englewood, Englefield Green.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Schlich, Cooper's Hill Villas, Englefield Green.

Number of Members, 26.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 16th, 1901.—"Plato's Ideal in Education." W. G. DE BURGH, Esq.
November 27th, 1901.—"Continuity in Education." Miss LAWRENCE.
February 5th, 1902.—"Children and Romance." Mrs. C. PARSONS.
March 12th, 1902.—"Science for Children." T. G. ROOPER, Esq., H.M.I.

HARROW BRANCH.

President: Rev. Dr. WOOD, Headmaster of Harrow School.

Committee:

Mrs. JERRY BARRETT
Mrs. BROWNING
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Mrs. HAMLEY
Mrs. HILL
Rev. F. W. JOYCE
Mrs. MCINTYRE
Rev. THOMAS SMITH
Rev. J. W. P. SILVESTER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. EDWARD SIEVEKING.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. EDWARD SIEVEKING, *pro tem.*

Branch Representative: Mrs. HAMLEY.

Number of Members, 25.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 2nd, 1901.—"How to teach children to appreciate a good picture." Miss GRAVES, ex-Student, House of Education.

October 16th, 1901.—"Scenes from the Life of S. Francis d'Assisi" (with lantern illustrations). Miss ANNIE EVANS.

October 23rd, 1901.—"How to turn our Children out Christians." Rev. EGERTON SWANN.

November 9th, 1901.—"Attention." Miss ALICE WOODS.

November 23rd, 1901.—"Spiders." Professor ROWBOTHAM.

December 11th, 1901.—"Childhood and Romance." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

December 21st, 1901.—"The Quaker Movement"—an appreciation. Miss ROWLAND BROWN.

January 8th, 1902.—"Religious Training of Children." Rev. J. W. P. SILVESTER.

January 16th, 1902.—"Flowers and their Guests." Mrs. WILSON.

January 25th, 1902.—"Winter Buds." Professor BOULGES, F.R.S.

February 8th, 1902.—"How Parents may help Education." Rev. RUSSELL WAKEFIELD, M.L.S.B.

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February 15th, 1902.—"The Hygiene of Handwriting." Mr. JOHN JACKSON.

March 12th, 1902.—"Clay Modelling." Mrs. STEINTHAL.

March 18th, 1902.—"Poplar children at work and play—how the children of the richer classes may be in touch with them." Father DOLLING.

April 7th, 1902.—"Specialisation during School Years." Mr. H. B. GARROD.

April 17th, 1902.—"Physical Education." Miss THOMAS.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

During last summer many expeditions were made by the Natural History Club, Harrow Branch, to Northwood Common, Chalfont Road, and other places in the near neighbourhood of Harrow, under the direction of Professor Rowbotham, Miss Magill (ex-Student of the House of Education), Miss Ambler (ex-Student of the House of Education), and others. Many children have now joined the Club and showed keen interest in the finding of specimens and in classifying them afterwards.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S BRANCH.

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Mrs. SING
Dr. A. SCARLYN WILSON

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:
Miss BISHOP, Hastings and St. Leonard's Ladies' College.

Branch Representative: Mrs. E. P. SANGER.

Number of Members, 94.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

April, 1901.—"The Formation of Habit." Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B. (Lond.)

December 6th, 1901.—"Should we teach our children Political Science, and, if so, how?" F. RYLAND, Esq.

January 21st, 1902.—"Some points in the Physiology of Growing Children." J. WILLS, Esq., M.D.

January 30th, 1902.—"Life in Ponds and Ditches—How to keep a Nature Note Book." Miss KENNEDY.

February 7th, 1902.—"The Earth as a Planet." C. CARUS WILSON, Esq.

February 14th, 1902.—"Limestone and Coral Reef." C. CARUS WILSON, Esq.

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February 19th, 1902.—"Life Underground." Miss KENNEDY.

February 21st, 1902.—"Coal and Coal Measures." C. CARUS WILSON, Esq.

February 28th, 1902.—"Movements in the Earth's Crust." C. CARUS WILSON, Esq.

March 14th, 1902.—"On the Seashore." Miss KENNEDY.

April 4th, 1902.—"How Birds Live and Work." Miss KENNEDY.

April 9th, 1902.—"Music Lessons and Practising—some Difficulties and some Suggestions." Miss E. R. DAYMOND, D.Mus. (Cert.) Oxon.

Three Talks to Nurses were given by Miss BARNARD.

A Natural History Club has been formed and Walks arranged for the Spring and Summer.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.

President: A. T. SCHOFIELD, Esq., M.D.

Committee:

Mrs. BATTLE
Mr. E. T. BULL
Mrs. HOLROYD CHAPLIN
Mrs. R. DEVONSHIRE
Mrs. MORLEY FLETCHER
Mr. FRIEDBERGER
Dr. GLADSTONE, F.R.S.
Mrs. FREDERIC HALL
Mr. HENRY PERRIN
Rev. PREBENDARY C. RIDGEWAY, M A.
Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:
Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN, 50, Porchester Terrace, W.
(At Home Thursday mornings.)

Branch Representative: Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON.

Number of Members, 165, and 12 additional subscribers to the *Parents' Review*.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 16th, 1901.—"A Waverley Novel for a Child." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

November 14th, 1901.—"The importance of Fresh Air for the Health of Children." Dr. HECTOR MACKENZIE.

January 18th, 1902.—"A Prisoner of the Bastille under Richelieu." Mrs. CRUMP, F.R. Hist. S.

January 30th, 1902.—"Time for Growth." The Hon. and Rev. Canon E. LYTTELTON.

February 5th, 1902.—"Why we should belong to the P.N.E.U." Mrs. FRANKLIN. A lecture to non-members.

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February 17th, 1902.—"Literary Enthusiam and Education." Mr. GILBERT CHESTERTON.

February 26th, 1902.—"Nursery Hygiene." Dr HELEN WEBB.

March 14th 1902.—Discussion Meeting, dealing with the subjects raised in the Hon. and Rev. Canon E. LYTTELTON's lecture Discussion opened by Mrs. FRANKLIN.

March 20th, 1902.—"Modern Methods of Language Teaching." Mr. L. VON GLEHN.

May 2nd, 1902.—"Our Boarding School System." Mr. J. PATON.

Natural History rambles were arranged in May, June, and July, 1901. They were conducted by Mr. Francis Rowbotham. This year similar ones are being arranged, to be conducted by Miss Beatrice Taylor.

Hockey and Cricket are successfully organized in their respective seasons. also Handicraft and Drawing Classes. Practically all the members take in the *Parents' Review*. The branch was well represented at the Conference of 1901.

IPSWICH BRANCH.

President: LADY FARREN.

Vice-Presidents:

Lady BEATRICE PRETYMAN
E. G. PRETYMAN, Esq., M.P.
The MAYORESS OF IPSWICH.

Committee:

Mrs. F. A. COBBOLD
Rev. W. E. & Mrs. FLETCHER
Miss KENNETT
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Mrs. A. PEARCE
Mrs. E. P. RIDLEY
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Mrs. MILDRED SIMS, M.B.
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Mrs. A. TURNER
Mr. F. WOOLNOUGH

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. F. G. BOND (*pro tem.*)

Hon. Treasurer: F. G. BOND, Esq.

Branch Representative: Mrs. F. A. COBBOLD.

Hon. Sec., Natural History Club: Mrs. FRYER.

Number of Members, 50.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 23rd, 1901.—"A Talk to Children on Pictures by Great Masters" Miss A. L. EVANS.

November 20th, 1901.—Annual Meeting, with Address by Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS, on "Education, as understood by the P.N.E.U."

January 30th, 1902.—"Brush Drawing" (demonstrated). Mrs. CUDWORTH.

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February 19th, 1902.—"The Spanish Armada from a Spanish point of view." (Lantern Lecture). Mrs SIEVEKING.

March 18th, 1902.—"Feeding of Growing Children." C. G. HAVELL, Esq., M.D.

April 24th, 1902.—"Children's Sundays." The Right Rev. BISHOP OF THETFORD.

May 12th, 1902.—"Our Daughters and their training." Miss MAYNARD, Principal of Westfield College, Hampstead.

The "Talks to Children," illustrated by lantern and specimens, have been continued by Mr. WOOLNOUGH (Curator), at the Museum. The subjects taken were 'Ants at Home," "Bees and Wasps at Home," "The Colouring of Animals and Insects," "Moths."

A woodland ramble in the nesting season, and a wade for sea-shore specimens at Felixstowe, have also been much enjoyed by members of the Club.

KIDDERMINSTER BRANCH.

President: Dr. H. B. GIBBINS.

Committee:

Mrs PETER ADAM
Miss BENNETT
Miss FRIEND
Mrs. H. de B. GIBBINS
Mrs. IVENS
Mrs. JOTHAM
Mrs NEWCOMB
Mrs THURSFIELD
Mrs. R. WOODWARD

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Miss IVENS.

Number of Members, 23.

This branch was started in June, 1901, since when one public meeting and two meetings at members' houses have been held.

LEEDS BRANCH.

President: Mrs. GIBSON, The Vicarage, Leeds.

Committee:

Mrs. BARRAN
Mrs. BRUNTON
Mrs. R. W. EDDISON
Mrs. MIALL
Miss POWELL
Mrs. ARTHUR SMITHELLS
Mrs. FRANCIS STEINTHAL
Mrs. J. H. WICKSTEED

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. SIMPSON, 44, Hyde Terrace, Leeds.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss BRUNTON, 16, Blenheim Terrace, Leeds.

Branch Representative: Mrs. WICKSTED, Weetwood Croft, Leeds.

Number of Members, 83.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 23rd, 1901.—Annual Meeting, with lecture on "Children on Sunday," by ROBERT BIRD, Esq.

November 26th, 1901.—"Physical Culture." Miss DOUGLAS.

December 6th, 1901.—"Law and Freedom in the Training of the Young." Miss BURSTALL

February 25th. 1902.—"Some Suggestions on Training and Education." Mrs. J. H. WICKSTEED.

March 21st, 1902.—"Personality in Children." Rev. T. G. SIMPSON.

April 23rd, 1902.—"Training of the Artistic Perception in Young Children." Miss HERMIONE UNWIN.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

The Natural History Club for children in connection with the Leeds Branch is conducted by Miss M. Simpson, and numbers 60 members. It has a meeting once a month to talk over observations and simple experiments, and has country walks or excursions every fortnight. It is most successful in interesting the children, and the meetings and excursions are always well attended.

LEWES BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. J. BLENCOWE
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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. F. FAWSSETT.

Branch Representative: Mrs. J. BLENCOWE.

Number of Members, 52.

List of Lectures or Meetings:

November, 1901.—"The Briton of the future; how shall we educate him?" Two lectures. Miss BARNARD.

January, 1902.—Two plain talks on "The moral training of children." Mrs. SCOTT MALDEN.

February, 1902.—"A talk about old Lewes." Rev. Dr. BELCHER.

April, 1902.—"Our Downs." Miss ROBINSON.

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NORWOOD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

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Branch Representative: Miss LUCY BEDDOW, Stambourne, Auckland Road.

Number of Members, 37.

List of Lectures or Meetings:

October 17th, 1901.—"Elements of Training." Dr. FRANCIS WARNER.

November 6th, 1901.—"Health Problems during Early Education." Dr. LOUIS ROBINSON.

December 4th, 1901.—"Virtues of Simplicity." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

January 21st, 1902.—Discussion on "Children on Sunday."

February 13th, 1902.—"The Teaching of Singing to Children." Miss CLARA CLEMENTS.

March 12th, 1902.—"Exceptional Children." Dr. FLETCHER BEACH.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Great interest was shown during the summer months in the Natural History Club. Six excursions were taken, at each of which there was a good attendance. Our membership is now 63, but we hope to largely increase this in the coming summer. Our excursions will commence early in May.

READING BRANCH.

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Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BURD.

Hon. Treasurer: DRYLAND HASLAM, Jun., Esq.

Branch Representative: Miss L. E. HAIGH.

Number of Members, 85.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:

June 1st, 1901.—"Physical Culture." Mr. CAROL KELSEY, L.C.C.

October 1st, 1901.—"Child's Play." J. H. GETTINS, Esq., B.A.

November 28th, 1901.—Annual General Meeting. "The Educational Value of Indoor Games." The PRESIDENT of the Branch.

January 30th, 1902.—"The neglect of Music in English Education." BENJAMIN SHARP, Esq., M.A.

March 20th, 1902.—"Aspects of College Life." W. M. CHILDS, Esq., M.A., Vice-Principal of Reading College.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

The work of the last year shows no lack of vigour, in spite of some decrease in membership. Both winter lectures and summer excursions were well attended, and the December Exhibition compared very favourably with the exhibitions of previous years. There are now 145 Members and 9 Associates. The Children's Quarterly continues to circulate not only among members of the Reading Club, but also amongst several other clubs in different parts of the country. The portfolio of paintings in connection with the Quarterly is doing wide and valuable work. Copies of the Magazine may be ordered from Mrs. Stanley Hayward, Hazelwood, Kendrick Road, Reading, price 2*s.* 2*d.* post free for the year.

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Miss ROWE
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Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BANKS.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. SCOTT.

Branch Representative: Miss COOKE.

Number of Members, 39.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

November, 1901.—"Disobedience." Miss ROWE.

December, 1901.—"The Wonders of Spider Life." Rev. THEO. WOOD.

January, 1902.—"The Training of the Musical Faculty." CANON LYTTELTON.

February, 1902.—"The Training of Girls for Home Life." Mdlle. NINET.

March, 1902.—"Parent's Place in Education." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

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Mr. & Mrs. TAYLOR
Mrs. YEOMAN

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Hon. Treasurer: Miss K. WINCKWORTH.

Number of Members, 18.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 28th, 1901.—"Education and Belief." Rev. J. SALWEY, M.A.
November 29th, 1901.—"The Child Artist." Mrs. RICE.
December 3rd, 1901.—"English Public Schools." LEWIS PATON, Esq., M.A.
January 23rd, 1902.—"Hygiene as a Force in Education." Miss ROBERTSON, B.A.
February 24th, 1902.—"The Tyranny of the Printer." C. SIMMONS, Esq., M.A.

It has been decided to transfer members of this branch to the neighbouring ones.

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.

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Branch Representative: Mrs. J. E. ELLIS.

Number of Members, 60.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 14th, 1901.—"Education as understood by the Parents' National Educational Union." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.
November 12th, 1901.—"The Cultivation of Literary Taste in Little Children." Miss LUCY HARRISON (Head Mistress of Mount School, York).
December 10th, 1901.—"Hints on Bible Teaching with our Children." An address by the BISHOP.
February, 1902.—"Children's Teeth." ERNEST CATT, L.D.S.I. and D.D.S.
March, 1902.—"The Cultivation of a Child's Musical Taste." Dr. THOS. ELY, F.R.C O.
April 3rd, 1902.—"Some Nervous Manifestations of Childhood." Dr. LUCY BUCKLEY (of Leeds).

Our Drawing Room Meetings have been well attended during the session, the usual number being between 30 and 40. Some of our members attend a Reading Circle held from house to house every week. The numbers are small, six to eight usually attending.

WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

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Hon Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. WALKER, The Elms, Wakefield.

Branch Representative: Mrs. BARTON.

Number of Members, 69.

Hon. Librarian: Mrs. PLEWS.

List of Lectures or Meetings:

October 14th, 1901.—"The Cultivation of a taste in Literature." Miss MCCROBEN.
November 4th, 1901.—Dr. Wilson read some extracts from a paper by Dr. Reddie, on "The Characteristics of John Bull."
December 2nd, 1901.—"Home Evenings." The Lady CATHERINE MILNES GASKELL.

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February 3rd, 1902.—"Some of the lighter forms of Agriculture as a vocation for women." Miss LA MOTHE, Sub-Warden of the Lady Warwick Hostel, Reading.

March 3rd, 1902.—"Methods of infusing the true Art Spirit into Young People." The Rev. W. FOXLEY NORRIS, Rector of Barnsley.

April, 1902.—Address by Miss PESEL, Secretary to the Holloway College.

May, 1902.—"Navy Notes." Mr. W. SENIOR, Barrister-at-Law.

Miss La Mothe's and Mr. Senior's Addresses were illustrated by lantern slides.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Committee:

Mrs. CHILDE
Mrs. COBBY
Mrs. COOKSON
Mrs. J. LIVESEY LEE
Mrs. WILSON

Hon Secretary and Treasurer: Miss BRUCE.

Miss Rein, of the High School, has taken the walks this year, and has made them very interesting. The number of members has increased from 19 to 24, and this, together with lessened expenses, has enabled the Committee to repay the sum of £2 3s. 0d. to the local Branch of the P.N.E.U., towards the sum advanced to the Natural History Club to make up a deficit on last year's work.

THE LIBRARY.

In October, 1901, a relay of 20 books were received from the head office of the Union. The circulation of the books has not materially increased since last year. Four books have been purchased by the Wakefield Branch during the year, viz., *King Arthur and His Knights; The Story of Don Quixote; The Adventures of Odysseus; Stories from the "Faery Queene."*

WEYBRIDGE BRANCH.

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Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. M. E. SADLER, Eastwood, Heybridge.

Number of Members, 36.

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List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 19th, 1901.—"The Virtues of Simplicity." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

November 20th, 1901.—"Women's Colleges at Cambridge." Dr. ELIZ. DAWES.

December 16th, 1901.—"The Training of Children in Punctuality and the use of Money." Rev. W. B. MONEY.

January 29th, 1902.—"Ideals in Practice." J. RUSSELL, Esq.

February 26th, 1902.—"The Comparative Merits of Day Schools and Boarding Schools." H. C. EVE, Esq.

March 19th, 1902.—"Habit and Character." Dr. SCHOFIELD.

May 14th, 1902.—"Spiders." Dr. THEODORE WOOD.

WINCHESTER BRANCH.

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Committee:

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. ROSE, Lesney, Winchester.

Branch Representative: Mrs. SPENCER PORTAL.

Number of Members, 22.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 19th, 1901.—Preliminary Meeting. Lecturer. Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

February 21st, 1902.—"The Teaching of Science after the Kindergarten Stage." Mr. ROOPER, H.M.I.

March 14th, 1902.—"Physical Culture." Miss MACLORD (from the Emerson College).

April 4th, 1902.—"Parents' Place in Education." Mrs. FRANKLIN.

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Committee:

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CHARLES D. OLIVE, Esq., M.A.
The Rev. H. SWITHINBANK, M.A.

Hon Secretary: Miss LUCY B. SHAKSPEARE, Kingsley Gate, Wimbledon.

Hon Treasurer: Mrs. TRISTRAM, The End House, Wimbledon.

Branch Representative: Mrs. TRISTRAM.

Number of Members, 21.

No Branch Lectures have been held in Wimbledon during the present winter, but two series of lectures for young people were given under the auspices of this Branch by Mr. CECIL CARUS WILSON, and were greatly appreciated. The Botany Class, under Mr. E. Cooke, was resumed at Lady Bramston's house. His Art Classes at Kingsley School continue, and are open to the children of the members.

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Committee :

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Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. HERBAGE.

Branch Representative : Mrs. HORACE HICKLING.

Number of Members, 19.

List of Lectures or Meetings :—

February 11th, 1902.—"The Attitude of the Leisured Classes in regard to the Nursery." Mrs. SIEVEKING.

March 7th, 1902.—"The Restlessness of Modern Youth." Miss BETH FINLAY

The Reading Circle is much liked by the members, and we hope soon to form another Circle, as it has been decided by the Committee not to have more than twelve members in each. We hope very shortly to organise a Natural History Club, having good reason to believe that it will be greatly appreciated.

WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD BRANCH.

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Vice-President : Lady HAMILTON.

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Mrs. A. WILSON

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. ALBERT WILSON

Hon. Treasurer : Miss EMMA FOWLER.

Branch Representative : Mrs. HAYTER, B.A.

List of Lectures or Meetings :—

June 7th, 1901.—"Parents and Children." Reading from Miss MASON's book.

June 12th, 1902.—Garden Meeting and Report of Conference Meetings by Branch Representative.

October 28th, 1901.—"Beauty and Finish." Address by Lady HAMILTON.

November 22nd, 1901.—"Books and Reading." Address by Rev. J. SMYTH PALMER, D.D.

February 10th, 1902.—"The Right Spending of Money." Lecture by Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

March 20th, 1902.—"Loss of Sympathy between Parents and Children." Mr. OLIVE.

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The Board of Education examine in Botany and Hygiene.

The Board of Examinations for Educational Handwork examine in Handicrafts.

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HOUSE OF EDUCATION, AMBLESIDE.

The OBJECT of the House of Education is to provide for women a special training in the knowledge and the principles which belong to their peculiar work, namely, *the bringing up of children*. It is needless to enlarge on the value of training in giving impulse and direction as well as knowledge and power; and this work on special lines should be of incalculable service to all who may, in any way, be concerned in education.

Candidates for admission must have received a sound education.

The Students of the House of Education are:—

(a) Ladies (young ladies especially) who undergo training, not with a view to teaching, but solely to enable them to fulfil the more intelligently any natural guardianship of children to which they may be called. The admission of these does not depend on a preliminary examination.

(b) *Primary Governesses:* that is, ladies who desire to qualify as governesses to young children. These must pass an easy entrance examination as a test of general knowledge.

(c) *Secondary Governesses:* that is, ladies who wish to qualify as governesses to more advanced pupils. These should, as a rule, hold certificates of attainments, though such certificates are not indispensable, as the entrance examination affords a test.

The work of this College is entirely *Training* and not *Teaching:* it may be classed broadly under the following heads:—

I. Psychology, Ethics, and the History and Philosophy of Education. The aim of Education, as presented to the students, is, To produce a human being, at his best—physically, mentally, morally, and religiously—quickened by the enthusiasms of religion, of goodness, of nature, of knowledge, of art, of literature, and of manual work.

II. The Practice of Education, under direction and criticism (in the Practising School, which is arranged on the lines of a Home School-room); the work is tested by a lesson given by each student before Mr. Rooper, the marks she receives going towards her Certificate.

III. The Teaching of Modern Languages (French, German and Italian) on the Gouin system. Much attention is paid to this branch of the work on account of its educational value; this lies chiefly in the training it affords in the power of attention, and to the imagination, as well as to the ear and vocal organs in perceiving and producing new vocables.

IV. Nature-Lore, which includes the acquiring of familiar acquaintance with the natural objects—wild flowers and fruits, trees, bird and insect life—of this beautiful country; field work (in Botany, Natural History, and Geology), and the keeping and illustrating with brush drawings of a Nature Diary. The "NATURE-LORE" CERTIFICATE assures a knowledge which should enable the governess to gratify the intelligent curiosity of children, or to introduce her older pupils to the delightful pursuits of the field naturalist. The "Nature-Lore" work is supplemented by definite scientific teaching in Biology, etc., with the use of the microscope.

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V. Art: Modelling in Clay, Drawing in Charcoal, and Water-Colour and Brushwork, on broad artistic lines. The students have also weekly instructions in art, chiefly in Italian, at the house of a friend, and the opportunity of seeing reproductions of those pictures and buildings described by Mr. Ruskin; they thus become acquainted, to some extent, with his ethical and artistic teaching, and prepared to guide the taste of their pupils, and to enjoy foreign travels with perceptive minds, and hearts "more deeply satisfied and more divinely athirst."

VI. The teaching of Voice Production, Singing, and the Piano, on *educative* and intelligent methods.

VII. Hygiene. The students are examined for the diploma of the National Health Society which guarantees such knowledge of Human Physiology, Nursing, and "First Aid," as will fit the holders to take intelligent care of children in health and to give intelligent help in sickness; and will also enable them to teach on the lines on which they have themselves been taught. The art of taking walks, hockey, Ling's Swedish Drill, and graceful calisthenic exercises with the ball, skipping-rope, etc., are amongst the means of health and happiness to the use of which the students are trained.

VIII. Arts and Crafts. Prominence is given to manual training both for its own sake and as giving a just balance to character, and a variety of interests in life. Among the subjects taught are cardboard Sloyd (Leipsic and Swedish), bookbinding, woodcarving, Japanese paper-folding, basket making, bent iron work, leather and brass work, needlework, various lace stitches, knitting and netting. Cooking is taught so far as to enable the students to teach their pupils to cook.

The students are trained to carry their pupils through the progressive classes of the *Parents' Review* School, which includes Latin, Mathematics, Literature, History, Geography, etc., in addition to those subjects indicated above.

Special opportunities for literary culture are afforded to the students.

The training course for certificated teachers occupies Two Years.

Students are not admitted under eighteen.

The year is divided into three terms, Spring, Summer, and Winter: First, from the middle of January to the middle of April; Second, from the middle of April to the middle of July; Third, from the end of September to the middle of December.

There are three vacations, Winter, Easter and Summer. Part of the Summer vacation is spent by the students in Probationary teaching. Students can, if necessary, remain up for the Easter vacation.

Students enter in January.

Fees, *payable in advance*, £23 6*s.* 8*d.* a term. The fees include books, stationery, materials for art and handicrafts, examination fees, fees for outside classes, etc.

The students pay for their own washing and for tools used in their handicrafts.

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Such students *who do not propose to teach*, and are unable to enter for a year, are received for a short course of a single Term. Fee, 30 Guineas: including books, stationery, materials, etc. These may enter at either of the three terms if there should be a vacancy, on the distinct understanding *that they do not make professional use of their training*

Each student on completing her training, must pay a fee of £5 to the *Parents' National Educational Union*. This fee, which entitles a student to the *Parents' Review* for two years and to life membership of the Union, may be paid in instalments, lasting over a year, to the Secretary of the P.N.E.U., at the Office, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

The rule applies to all students excepting those who enter for a three months' course.

The House of Education is carried on in a finely situated building (including besides sleeping and living rooms, Lecture Room, Work Room, Practising School, etc.), in its own beautiful grounds.

The House of Education Certificate, which is awarded to successful students at the end of their training, upon their Examination in the Theory and Practice of Education, guarantees practical skill in teaching, some knowledge of the principles of Physical, Psychical, Ethical, Intellectual, and Religious Education; and that the student is instructed to train nerve and muscle, faculty, will, and conscience in such wise as to work towards the fullest development of children committed to her care. It also certifies a knowledge of methods of teaching and of text-books; and that the student is in touch with the best educational thought. It attests, too, that the student is trained to educate the hand by means of useful and delightful Home Arts. This certificate testifies, in a word, to some degree of the "all-round" qualifications necessary to those who take in hand the education of boys up to ten years of age, and of girls up to the age of sixteen or seventeen. At that age the girl should be able to specialise, and the aid of the highly qualified specialist should be called in.

The Certificate will be awarded only when the student shows herself possessed of the—to adapt a phrase—enthusiasm of childhood, which makes all work of teaching and training heart-service done to God.

The interest felt in this movement is widespread, and it is not possible to supply the demand for governesses. Earnest and well-bred women who are looking out for good work are invited to offer themselves for training. The need of devoted co-workers in their labour of love is grievously felt by mothers, especially by some of those of the upper classes whose engagements press heavily upon them.

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CLASS LIST.

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Class I.					
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Class II.					
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E. Tillman	66	59	59	85	269
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H. G. Russell ..	22	66	28	75	191

EXAMINER'S REPORT. *November*, 1901.

During the past year no change has taken place in the staff of the House of Education, from the members of which I heard extremely interesting lessons.

Miss Stirling gave a lesson on "Sight," illustrated by dissections, and both the arrangement of the subject matter as well as the demonstrations were remarkably clear. In addition to acquiring information the students witnessed a model of good teaching, which would enable them to impart as well as to acquire learning.

Miss Sumner, who teaches Drawing, gave a lesson on the effect of the different materials which the artist uses, contrasting by means of some two dozen photographs and engravings the various processes of wood engraving, etching, engraving on steel, wood carving, carving in stone, water colour, oil painting, drawing with pencil and crayon, and charcoal. The lesson was such as to help the students to examine works of art with greater pleasure and intelligence, as well as to improve them in the art of drawing. It is only half the task if children learn to draw without being shown how to appreciate works of art, and the students can learn from Miss Sumner both branches of art instruction.

The lessons in French and German were given with a skill which English students can only envy without hoping to attain.

The Physical Exercises were of two kinds; one set is given by Sergeant Thomas, and includes marching, the use of the dumb bells, &c., the other set was that which has been taught to the House of Education by Miss Parke (from Mrs. Wordsworth), which aims at grace of movement as well as muscular development. Both sets of Exercises have special advantages and supplement each other. The students also play Hockey and accustom themselves to take long walks.

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Miss Hodgson has been in charge of the Nature Studies and the Manual Training. The Nature Note Books contained interesting records of the results of excursions for the study of natural history, flowers, trees, and the like, and the notes were illustrated by coloured sketches of the objects recorded.

During the year a Botanical Garden has been arranged to illustrate the natural orders of plants. This most interesting addition to the Nature Work has been organized and superintended by the Rev. W. Tuckwell.

The Handwork has reached a high degree of finish, besides including a considerable variety of occupations, among which are leatherwork, basketwork, weaving, carving, needlework, embroidery, and fine knitting. The basis of accurate work is provided for by practice in Cardboard-Sloyd, which, besides forming an excellent training in exactness, leads up to the construction of very useful articles, as well as to Bookbinding.

The students will be able to assist children in their play as well as in their lessons, and to provide attractive and useful occupations for hours which are often spent either in *ennui* or excessive reading, or even mischief.

Miss Firth gave the students a lesson in Cookery, which left nothing to be desired in aim or method.

From the students I heard ten lessons which were given to the children in the practising school. The lessons were examples of excellent methods of instructing children from the first rudiments to more advanced studies. Much attention is paid to the best ways of introducing young children to Reading, Arithmetic and Languages. One of the most interesting was a study of local Geography, based upon a hand-made map.

In conclusion, I can assert without hesitation that the spirit and life of the House of Education are entirely satisfactory. The students learn how to give their lessons in the most interesting ways. All their studies have a practical end, namely, to teach with effect, and to fill the days of their scholars with sensible, useful and attractive studies and pursuits.

(*Signed*) T. G. ROOPER, M.A., H.M.I.

EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE NATURE NOTE BOOKS, *December*, 1901

A change has been made this winter by sending me the whole of the Students' Nature Work for the year, instead of only one book from each student. I have thus received 19 books from 10 students, which I place as under.

Class I.—1, H. M. Lake; 2, J. W. Devonshire; 3, S. Hirtzel.
Class II.—4, C. A. P. Tillman; 5, A. M. Cowdrey; 6, H. G. Russell; 7, M. C. H. Noble; 8, R. M. Williams.
Class III.—9, E. Thomasset; 10, E. H. Laurence.

Miss Lake gains her position by her large amount of very good drawing, and the Notes—both Nature and Lecture—of the whole of the first class are very good and sound. In the second class there are some very good original notes. Miss Tillman has an amusing account of a heron mobbed by rooks, and Miss Cowdrey an excellent observation (illustrated) of nestling spiders.

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In taking leave of the Ambleside Nature Note Books, I am glad to refer to the great success which has rewarded Miss Hodgson's teaching, and which is clearly shown by the steady advance that I have found from year to year in the average style, copiousness and correctness of the Nature Notes.

The Nature Notes, with illustrations, must always depend a good deal on the artistic talent and quickness of observation possessed by the individual students of each year, and there is some very good drawing as well as observation this year.

I hope Miss Hodgson's successor, though it would be hardly possible to surpass her devotedness, may be able to equal her success.

6th March, 1902. (*Signed*) H. D. GELDART.

Miss Hodgson's resignation, after nine years of devoted and brilliantly successful work, is a calamity to the House of Education. She will always have the satisfaction of feeling that she has given direction and impetus to our work on two lines—Handicrafts and Nature Lore—of which I believe we shall always feel the benefit. We lose Miss Hodgson's unique power, but we have been fired by her enthusiasm, and Miss C. F. Barnett, her successor, was once among her pupils, and brings some other advantages to the College. Our loss may, we believe, be a gain to the cause of education. Such a P.N.E.U. School for girls as that of which Miss Hodgson and Miss Devonshire are the principals, has been much wanted.

We must also record our gratitude to Mr. H. D. Geldart for the noble service he has done for us for the last eight years as Reader of the Students' Nature Note Books. His criticisms have been a stimulus to our work and his kind readiness to correspond with ex-students on Natural History questions has been a great benefit. We grieve that a failure in health makes it necessary for Mr. Geldart to give up this and other work.

C. M. MASON, *Principal*.

September, 1901.

We hope to begin next term with a very delightful and very profitable new interest and occupation. The Rev. W. Tuckwell visited us in June, and organized for us a very complete Botanical Garden. The two great classes, the several sub-divisions, and some seventy-three orders are diagrammatically represented, each order having its own bed, smaller or larger, according to its own needs, and each bed placed in its proper order of relationship. Only a botanist of great experience in the laying out of botanical gardens could have organized so complete a scheme in so comparatively small a space of ground; and even to so experienced a botanist, the work must have been a labour of love. We feel that in this garden Mr. Tuckwell has conferred a valuable endowment on the college, and we are very grateful to him for his unsparing

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labours and generous gifts of plants. Each student will take charge of certain beds, and no doubt there will be pleasant rivalry as to who can keep her "orders" best represented. We owe a further very great pleasure to Mr. Tuckwell. He gave to us and to a large audience of our neighbours the lecture on "Wordsworth," which he kindly allows to appear in the *Parents' Review*. The Rev. W. H. Bartholomew, who was charged with a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said that those of us who were middle-aged could hardly hope to hear the like again, and the audience, deeply interested in our great Lake Poet, felt that the right word had been said.

The students got much inspiration in their Art Work from the visit of Mr. Frederick Yates; his own tender and most interpretative sketches of the country they love, the reproductions or, rather, interpretations of Millet which he has left on the walls of our new "Millet Room," his inspiring lecture on Millet, his frequent talks about how to teach Art to children, and the portrait of the Principal with which he has generously gifted the College, combined to give us, as Miss Sumner, our Art Mistress, remarked, "a great lift."

We have had another "great lift" in a visit from Miss Ada Rehan, who came over from Muncaster at the solicitation of Mrs. Dallas Yorke, our Lady Visitor, who was with us; she gave us, amongst other things, Katherine's great speech in *The Taming of the Shrew*—a most distinguished treat.

BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL HANDWORK.

EXAMINERS' REPORT ON EXAMINATION IN CARDBOARD MODELLING, *held at the House of Education, Ambleside, on Saturday, 11th May*, 1901.

"The standard of excellence reached by this class last year has been more than maintained during the present year, and the teacher and students are to be congratulated on the year's work, and on the results of the examination."

(*Signed*) JOHN COOKE, *Hon. Sec.*

Total Number Marks, 100.

Devonshire, Jane W.	99	Hirtzel, Sybil	94
Lake, Hilda M.	97	Laurence, Eva	90
Thomasset, Evelyn	97	Tillman, Emily	85
Chrystal, M. S.	94	Noble, M. C. H.	84
Russell, H. Grace	94	Cowdrey, Amelia	83

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Williams, Ruby M. - - - - - 56

(*Signed*) JOHN COOKE, *Hon. Sec.*

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Conducted by Miss Charlotte M. Mason.

MOTTO:—"I AM, I CAN, I OUGHT, I WILL."

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(*a*) To secure a common standard of attainment, so that the home-taught child shall be equal to the rest when he goes to school.

(*b*) To do this without sacrificing individual development, and the following of the bent of each child's tastes and powers.

(*c*) To introduce good methods and good text-books into the home Schoolroom.

(*d*) To foster the habits of attention, punctuality, diligence, promptness, and the power of doing given work in a given time.

(*e*) To secure the gain of definite work upon a given syllabus, without the danger of "cram," and with some freedom in the choice of subjects.

(*f*) To test and encourage the home school from term to term by examinations, testing intelligent knowledge rather than verbal memory.

(*g*) To give the home-taught child advantages which the school-taught child possesses.

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tables, "*Suggestions*" as to method of teaching and books to be used and the "*Rules of the School.*" At the end of a term the children's work is tested by an examination. Examination Papers are sent at Easter and Christmas and Midsummer. At Easter and Christmas the children's work is sent up, and the parents receive a report upon it. For the Midsummer examination the work is not sent up, but the parents send up their report.

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EXAMINERS' REPORT, *Easter*, 1901.

Whilst there are many papers that maintain their usual high standard, and a few show improvement, yet the general result is disappointing compared with the better work done at the Christmas examination. In the subjects attempted, the matter prepared shows some diminution, and the number of subjects omitted is larger than usual. Doubtless this is partly due to the many interruptions in the term's work caused by sickness and other apparently unavoidable causes, as reported by the parents.

No subject calls for special comment. The good and weak points remain very much as they were at the previous Christmas examination.

(*Signed*) J. B.

The average marks in German were rather lower than usual, though there were a few very good papers, which showed careful teaching.

(*Signed*) M. D.

Français: travail passable mais trop peu pour la quantité de temps destiné au français.

(*Signed*) J. M.

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EXAMINERS' REPORT, *December*, 1901.

A very satisfactory amount of work has been done in the term, and the syllabus generally faithfully followed, if the parents' reports as well as the work sent up for examination be taken into account. The number of subjects, however, submitted to the test of the written examination, shows some diminution on previous years.

The best results have been attained in Bible Lessons, Dictation, Arithmetic, Euclid and Tales, all subjects showing about 50 per cent. of papers with 90 per cent. or upwards of full marks, and only about 20 to 25 per cent. below the average.

Natural History and Greek History also both show very satisfactory work; but English History fails to maintain, for the first time, the high standard invariably reached in former examinations.

Geography and English Grammar are very fairly done. In the latter subject there are still few papers that gain full marks, but they are freer from glaring errors that point out indifferent teaching.

In Botany about 33 per cent. gain "excellent," and these deserve praise both for their subject-matter and the creditable illustrations given with answers. About 50 per cent., however, fall below fair. This is a slight falling off from last year.

Latin papers show marked improvement, both in quantity and quality.

Euclid, although only attempted by few, shows improvement. The proofs are distinctly efforts of reasoning rather than of memory.

Algebra has not been done well.

Other subjects reach about the usual average standard. J. B.

Comparatively few German papers have been sent in. The work done was on the whole fairly good. A few papers were good, some below the average. M. D.

The French papers also were fewer in number, and the work sent in does not reach the standard of former years, except in a few cases.

J. M.

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The first half of each of the works set for study will be examined upon in the first examination—including the earlier half of each class of articles in the *Parents' Review*.

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WHAT IS THE PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION?

The Parents' National Educational Union has arisen in response to a demand from thoughtful parents. It has grown out of their desire to study the laws which govern habit and the principles upon which to select ideas that inspire and educate; their desire to know how to deal with hereditary tendencies and how to give intelligent supervision and guidance to the development of their children's whole nature, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.

The rapid accumulation during late years of data bearing upon the interaction of body, mind and moral sense, has made it needful to reconsider many old-established ideas about Education. Parents and teachers are now aware that they must to some extent neutralize each other's work and weaken its results, unless they take counsel together.

The Union aims at giving opportunities for the study of Educational problems, and a meeting ground for intercourse between parents, teachers, and all who are interested in Education. Special stress is laid on the use of the word Education, in its widest sense, not as meaning instruction only, but the development of the whole nature, on the underlying principle that "Character is everything." The two functions of Education (as it is understood by the Union), are the presentation of ideas and the formation of habits. These two, it will be seen, are the chief means at our disposal for the modification of character.

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PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS.

The Central Principles, to which all Local Branches of the Society—(while free to organize themselves)—shall be pledged, are:—1. That a Religious basis of work be maintained. 2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads: (*a*) Physical; (*b*) Mental; (*c*) Moral; and (*d*) Spiritual. 3. That arrangements concerning Lectures, etc., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers. That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes. *The objects are:*—(*a*) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character. (*b*) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (*c*) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable to all. (*d*) To stimulate their enthusiasm, through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (*e*) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education, by harmonizing home and school training.

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RULES.

Name.

1. The Union shall be called the "Parents' National Educational Union."

2. The Organization of the Union shall comprise:—
   (*a*) The Council.
   (*b*) An Executive Council.
   (*c*) Local Branches.

The Council.

3. The Union shall be under the control of the Council, which shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch and co-opted members.

4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers and one-third of the co-opted members of the Council (who shall retire in rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election) shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

5. The Executive Committee shall be annually elected by the Council from among its members, and shall be responsible for the management of the Union.

6. At any Meeting of the Council five shall form a quorum.

7. The accounts of the Union shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant, who shall be appointed each year at the Annual Meeting.

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Executive Committee.

8. The Executive shall consist of the President, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch which received not less than fifty subscriptions, and fifteen other members who shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. Nominations of new Members for the Executive Committee must be sent in to the Secretary ten clear days before the date of such election. If more than fifteen members are nominated the election shall be by ballot. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than four times a year. Each year at its first Meeting a Chairman shall be elected for that year.

11. At any Meeting of the Executive Committee, three shall form a quorum.

12. No opposed business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Executive Committee, unless previous notice of such business shall have appeared on the Agenda.

13. The Executive Committee shall have power to make or alter by-laws for the management of the Union, provided always that the by-laws be not contrary to the principles, objects, or rules, of the Union, as printed and circulated in the Annual Report.

14. The Council shall decide as to what salaried Officer or Officers shall be appointed. The appointment and dismissal of such Officer or Officers, with the amount of their salaries, shall be in the hands of the Executive.

Meetings.

15. The Council shall hold an Annual Meeting to fill up vacancies in their body, to receive the Report and

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Balance Sheet of the previous year, to appoint the Auditor, to elect the Honorary Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, to decide on questions involving new departures in procedure, &c.

16. The General Annual Meeting shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Council, for the purpose of reading the Report of the past year, and for otherwise promoting the interests of the Union.

17. The Council may be summoned by the President, by the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary on the receipt of a requisition in writing from fifty members of the Union. Fourteen days' notice of every Meeting of the Council must be given.

18. No Meeting shall be convened under Clause 17 unless the notice convening the same express the object for which the meeting has been summoned; and no business, other than that specified on the Notice, shall be transacted at such Meeting.

19. At all Meetings, the Chairman of each Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

20. No alteration shall be made in the Rules except by a two thirds majority of those present at the Annual Meeting of the Council, or at a Council-Meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Local Branches.

21. A Local Branch of the Union may be formed in any district by or with the approval of the Executive Committee, after which such Branch itself shall be free to organize, and make its own by-laws, provided such by-laws shall not be contrary to the principles and objects of the Union.

22. Each Local Branch shall have the power to fix the amount of the Annual Subscription to be paid by its members.

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23. Each Local Branch shall send to the General Secretary, one month before the Annual Meeting each year, the name of its Representative to the Council for the coming year.

24. The Council shall publish a journal, and each member of the Union subscribing not less than ten shillings per annum shall be entitled to receive a copy of the journal as published.

25. Each Local Branch shall pay an annual capitation fee to the Council. This fee shall be 20% on their income derived from subscriptions for Branches within the London Postal District, and 10% on their income derived from subscriptions for Country Branches. In addition to the annual capitation fees, each newly-established Local Branch shall pay an affiliation fee of one guinea to the Council.

26. A payment of £3 3s. constitutes Life Membership to the Union. Life Members are Hon. Members of all Branches.

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Parents' National Educational Union.

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MAY, 1903.

ANOTHER year of the new century has passed over the Union, and again we may say—with a certain pride, and deeper thankfulness—that once more we have earned the wages "of going on, and still to be." We should be dull indeed if we did not glow with enthusiasm when, at each successive year's end, we look at our ever-widening Union, and reflect, not so much upon its increase in mere numbers, influence, *prestige* in the world's eyes, but upon the vital help we and our children have had from it throughout another twelvemonth's space So deep down has that fertilising help gone, so much a part and parcel of ourselves has it at last become, that it is difficult for some of us to imagine where we might have wandered and what sort of parents we should have been without its suggestions, its stimulus, its discipline.

These spiritual results are really the things that matter, but, at the same time, it is cheering to reckon up gains and measure expansion in the more easily computable fields of facts and figures. Here, emphatically, too, during 1902-1903, the Union has, to use a picturesque phrase, forged ahead. "The P.N.E.U.

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is becoming a force in the country"—that has been the judgment, not of an enthusiast from within, but of a competent critic from without.

Like every other other organism that is truly alive, the Union would seem each year to have set itself some special task, sown some fresh or awhile fallow field. During the year that is past we particularly note renewed definition of what the Union is and rests on. This has meant a firmer knitting of itself as regards both underlying ideas and resultant practice. Glad as the Union is of the friendly co-operation of outsiders, who look at children, it may be, from other points of view, and interested as it is in the psychological study of children's minds, it has endeavoured to make it clearly recognised that, for its own part, it is a Union consisting of parents who want to be educators, and that to us, its members, children are not museum specimens, uttering quaint speeches, thinking quainter thoughts, but human beings set about by circumstance and the play of life, the children of ourselves, and turning to us to give them each day the right kind of daily bread.

The intention of the Union's Conference last May was to accentuate the idea of the various vital relationships a child possesses and may develop. Miss Mason, our founder, proposed as the central topic of the Conference, "Education as the Science of Relations," and there was not a paper read during the Conference week which did not illustrate one section or another of children's formative relationships. "A child has numberless proclivities towards nature, people, pictures, stories, and towards Almighty God. These indicate the attachments or relations that belong to him and which his education should put him in the way of establishing." With this vital idea animating and controlling every address and lecture given, it is no wonder that we had never before—and possibly the cause of Education had never before—enjoyed a Conference so homogeneous and so profitable.

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Conference. The Sixth Annual Conference showed an increase in the numbers present upon the previous year's. The attendances at the various papers were as follows:—Tuesday, Miss Mason's, 130; Mr. Bray's, 126; Dr. Gow's, 180. Wednesday, Miss Helen Webb's, 150; Mother Agnes Mason's, 170; Mr. Kearton's, over 400. Thursday, Mrs. Ennis Richmond's, 134; Mrs. Howard Glover's, 155; Miss Beatrice Taylor's, 130; Discussion Meeting, 100; Mr. Burrell's, 67. Friday, Mr. Child's, 100; Mr. Russell's, 100. The Local Secretaries' Meeting, 29. Council Meeting, 10. In St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, 71; at the Conversazione, over 300. The Meetings were as follows:—

TUESDAY, MAY 6th.

The President (The COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN) in the Chair.

10.30 a.m. A few words of greeting from The President.

10.45 p.m. A Paper by Miss MASON (read by Lady CAMPBELL) on "Education as the Science of Relations."

Discussion.

12. REGINALD BRAY, Esq., M.A., (Author of the Essay on "The Children of the Town" in "The Heart of the Empire.")—"Our Relations with our Fellow Creatures."

3 p.m. Local Secretaries' Meeting.

5 p.m. Dr. GOW (Headmaster of Westminster School.)—"Our English Schools." E. SYMES THOMPSON, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., in the Chair.

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. At 50, Porchester Terrace, W. Mrs. FRANKLIN "At Home" to Ex-Students of the House of Education, Country Members of the P.N.E.U. and Members of Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th.

10.30 a.m. Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B. (Lond.)—"Change of Thought as a Factor in Character Training."

"Our Relations to Ourselves."

Discussion.

11.45 a.m. Mother AGNES MASON, C.H.F. (Moral Science Tripos, Cambridge)—"Our Relations with the Unseen."

Discussion.

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3 p.m. R. KEARTON, Esq., F.Z.S.—A Lecture to Children on "Wild Nature's Ways," (illustrated by lantern slides).

4.30 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING.

8 p.m. (for 8.30) CONVERSAZIONE. Address by the Rev. Dr. HUNTER (of King's Weigh House Church), on "The Demands of Life upon Character." Short speeches were made by Sir ALGERNON COOTE, Bart., P. C. GATES, Esq., K.C., Mrs. SIEVEKING, and Mrs. R. DEVONSHIRE.

The Right Hon. the EARL OF ABERDEEN in the Chair.

THURSDAY, MAY 8th.

Mrs. HUSBAND (Hampstead Branch) in the Chair.

10.30 a.m. Mrs. ENNIS RICHMOND (Author of "The Mind of a Child," "From Boyhood to Manhood," etc.)—"Our Relations with Children."
Discussion.

11.30 a.m. Mrs. HOWARD GLOVER.—"Our Relations with Music and Art."
Discussion.

12.15. Miss BEATRICE TAYLOR.—"Our Relations with Nature."
Discussion.

3.0 p.m. to 6.0 p.m. Mrs. E. L. FRANKLIN in the Chair.
Discussion on "Concrete Problems" (giving an opportunity for threshing out difficulties met in Home Training).

8.30 p.m. Lecture on "How to Preserve the Imaginative Power in Children," by A. BURRELL, Esq. (Principal of the Borough Road Training College, Isleworth).

Dr. SCHOFIELD in the Chair.

FRIDAY, MAY 9th.

Mrs. FRANCIS STEINTHAL in the Chair.

10.30 a.m. W. CHILDS, Esq. (Vice-Principal Reading College).—"Our Relations with History."
Discussion.

11.45 a.m. J. RUSSELL, Esq. (Headmaster of King Alfred's School).—"Our Relations with Literature."
Discussion.

3.0 p.m. At St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.—Short Service and Address by the Rev. M. R. NELIGAN, M.A. (Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, Westbourne Grove, W.)

4—7 p.m. Garden Party (by kind invitation of Mrs. WINKWORTH) at Holly Lodge, Campden Hill, W.

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New Branches started. Melbourne, Reigate.

Branches about to be started. Bristol, Cardiff, Croydon.

Branches lapsed. Englefield Green, Forest Hill, Wimbledon.

The Executive Committee have been approached with a view to starting Branches in the following places:—Bradford, Brisbane, Cheltenham, Dunfermline, Esher, Guildford, Huddersfield, Manchester, Nottingham, Prestbury, Surbiton, Swansea.

Natural History Club. Many Country Branches have most successful Clubs. In London, rambles were arranged during the year, under the guidance of Miss Beatrice Taylor. During the Conference week, Mr. Kearton gave a lecture to children on "Wild Nature's Ways," which was listened to and enjoyed by about 400 children.

Parents' Review. The circulation is slightly over 2,100. The fund for purchasing the *Review* from the Company that previously owned it has been raised in full, and our Magazine is now, we are delighted to say, the absolute property of the Union.

Central Office. Increase in correspondence during 1902:—

1901, Incoming Letters, 3,737. 1902, 4,422. Increase 685.
1901, Outgoing Letters, 4,401. 1902, 5,145. Increase 744.

Increase in the year's sale of literature over 1901, £6.

Our Secretary, Miss F. Noël Armfield, sees daily at the office an increasing number of persons who come to make enquiries about and express interest in the works of the Union.

The Library. The Lending Library now consists of about 700 volumes. It has been thoroughly re-organized, and includes all the books used in the Mothers' Educational Course, besides various substantial additions in the direction of books for children to read to themselves. Great interest has of late been expressed in this important branch of literature, and it is the

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ambition of the P.N.E.U. Library Committee to form a representative Children's Library of such books, new and old, as are best calculated to please young readers, and, at the same time, to make them "amorous of the good."

The following books and pamphlets can be purchased at the office, 26, Victoria Street:—

1. Catalogue of the Library, price 5½*d.*

2. "The Parents' Review" (the monthly organ of the Union), price 6*s.* 6*d.* annually; single copies, post free, 7½*d.* Specimen copies can be obtained free of charge.

3. "The Principles and Objects of the Union," by Mrs. Clement Parsons, price 6*d.*

4. "A Talk to Nurses," by Helen Webb, M.B. (Lond.), price 2*d.*

5. "Home Safeguards against Boyhood's Dangers," by the Rev. the Hon. Canon Lyttelton, Head Master of Haileybury College, price 1½*d.*

6. Specimen copies of "The Children's Quarterly," edited by the Committee of the Reading Natural History Club. Current copies of "The Children's Quarterly" can be purchased only from Mrs. Stanley Hayward, Hazelwood, Kendrick Road, Reading, price 6*d.*

7. "Nature Lore and Nature Note Books," by Miss Hodgson, formerly lecturer at the House of Education, price 9*d.*, post free, 9½*d.*

8. "The Child at Home," by Mrs. Clement Parsons, price 6*d.*, post free 7½*d.*

9. "Children at Home," reprinted from "The Parent's Review" by the Reading Branch of the P.N.E.U., price 2*d.*, post free, 2½*d.*

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10. "Home Education" and "Parents and Children," by Miss Charlotte Mason, price 4*s.* 6*d.* each, postage 4*d.* and 5*d.* respectively.

11. "Thought-Turning as a Factor in the Training of Character," by Helen Webb, M.B. (Lond.), price 3*d.*

12. "The Home Training of Children," by Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Organising Sec. of the P.N.E.U. Reprinted from the Board of Education's "Special Reports on Educational Subjects," Vol. VI., price 3*d.*

As the Union carries on its work, and its ideas spread in wider and wider circles, its members must be prepared to hear P.N.E.U. teaching enunciated out of the mouths of strangers as new and original information. "Most can raise the flowers now." But if people become, even unconsciously, imbued with our convictions, has not all we need to ask been, in substance, obtained? To leaven the whole community is the object of all reform and the true goal of every pioneer.

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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION, CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1902.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors (*re Parents' Review* Account)	67	3	1
,, Advertisements paid for in advance ..	22	15	1
,, Sundry Reserves	26	10	0
,, General Revenue Account (Balance at December 31st, 1902)	186	2	3
	£302	10	5

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
By Sundry Debtors (*re Parents' Review* Account)	30	14	10½
,, Discounts on account of 1903 ..	4	10	2
,, House of Education Fees Outstanding ..	83	10	0
,, Cash at Bank	176	12	11
,, Cash in hand	7	2	5½
	£302	10	5

NOTE.—A liability on account of the purchase of the *Parents' Review*, existing at the 31st December, 1902, has since been liquidated.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1st January to 31st December, 1902.

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EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Rent, Gas, Coal, Salaries, &c.	157	17	1			
,, *Less* Amount Charged to *Parents' Review* ..	67	11	6			
				90	5	7
,, Printing and Stationery				66	0	5½
,, Postages and Parcels				27	5	4
,, Office Furniture and Fittings ..				4	18	8
,, Travelling Expenses				4	6	11
,, Lecture Fees				8	2	3
,, Subscription to Art for Schools Association				1	1	0
,, Balance carried to General Revenue Account				35	4	1
				£237	4	3½

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions	40	12	7
,, Capitation Fees	52	6	5
,, Affiliation Fees	1	1	0
,, House of Education Fees	84	18	0
,, Literature	12	17	0½
,, Meetings	3	5	0
,, Profit for the year on *Parents' Review* ..	42	4	3
	£237	4	3½

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance carried down	186	2	3
	£186	2	3

	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward from 1901 Account	150	18	2
,, Profit for the year ending 31st December, 1902, carried from Parents' National Educational Union Revenue Account	35	4	1
	£186	2	3
By Balance brought down	186	2	3

I have compiled the above accounts from the Books and Vouchers of the Parents' National Educational Union and the *Parents' Review*, and I certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

EDMUND H. FARRER,
Chartered Accountant.

16, Devonshire Place, W.
9th March, 1903.

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Number of Members, 128.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 19th, 1902.—"Music Teaching." Mrs. SPENCER CURWEN.

November 26th, 1902.—"The Parents' Place in Education," with a brief outline of the work of the P.N.E.U. Mrs. FRANKLIN.

December 2nd and 9th, 1902.—Two Plain Talks on the Moral Training of Children. Mrs. SCOTT MALDEN.

February 25th, 1903.—"Neurotic Children." Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B.

March 24th, 1903.—"Importance of Mythology in the Character Training of Children." Miss C. de la C. CROMMELIN, Sen Opt.

April 2nd, 1903.—"The Elizabethan Schoolboy." ARTHUR BURRELL, Esq., M.A

Discussion Meetings were held at 46, Eaton Square, beginning November 13th, when *Parents and Children* (Miss Mason) and *Self-Culture* (Blackie) were the books chosen to be discussed. The subscription was 1*s.*, and ten members joined.

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Number of Members, 65.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 6th, 1902.—"The Teaching of Arithmetic to Children." Sir OLIVER LODGE, F.R.S., etc.

December 4th, 1902.—"The Training of the Will." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

January 7th, 1903.—"Honour." An address to boys. The Rev. the Hon. Canon LYTTELTON.

March 17th, 1903.—"That Education is helped by a knowledge of Psychology." Lady ISABEL MARGESSON.

May, 1903.—"Grown-up Daughters." Mrs. STEINTHAL.

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Annual Subscription without *Review*, 5*s.* The *Review* can be obtained from the Central Office, 6*s.* 6*d.* per annum, post free.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 17th, 1902.—"Energy in Nature." Mrs. W. BARLOW.

December 9th, 1902.—"Brain, Health, and the Care of the Mind." Mrs. GOSLETT.

February 2nd, 1903.—"The Cultivation of the Literary Taste in Young Children." Miss LUCY HARRISON.

March 30th, 1903.—Discussion on Charlotte Stetson's book "Concerning Children."

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Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.* 6*d.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.* 6*d.*

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 26th, 1902.—"How to Teach Children to Speak." Miss KIDD.

November 23rd, 1902.—"Hygiene Gymnastics." Miss TOWNSHEND.

January 22nd, 1903.—"Coal." Professor HULME.

February 23rd, 1903.—"How to make Children truly happy." Miss BUCKTON.

March 24th, 1903.—"The Best Way to Teach Children to Read." Mrs. ROWE.

May, 1903.—Field Excursion for Nature Study for Children.

JUVENILE NATURE STUDY CLUB.

This Club is composed of children, who during the year make a special study of natural objects, keep Nature note books, make collections of dried flowers, sea weeds and fossils; brush, paint, and clay-model certain specimens of fruits and leaves. Twice a year an exhibition is arranged (spring and autumn), when these several works are exhibited, and in the autumn prizes according to merit are awarded.

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Number of Members, 72.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 11th, 1902.—"The Musical Training of Children's Ears and Voices." W. G. MCNAUGHT, Mus. Doc.

December 5th, 1902.—"Emerson as a Teacher." Rev. FELIX ASHER.

January 16th, 1903.—"Brush Drawing." Miss MARY BUTTERTON.

February 6th, 1903.—"An Experiment in the After-School Life of Girls." Miss A. M. BUCKTON.

March 6th, 1903.—"Religious Education of Children." ROBERT BIRD, Esq.

April 3rd, 1903.—"Wonders of Ant Life." Rev. THEODORE WOOD.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 8th, 1902.—Annual General Meeting. "Emotions and their Development in Child-life." Miss ALICE WOODS.

October 24th, 1902.—"Arithmetic." Mrs. BOOLE.

November 12th, 1902.—"Punishments." W. ALLEN HARDING, Esq.

November 26th, 1902.—"When and how to begin Modern Languages" Miss DANIELL.

December 10th, 1902.—"Common Sense in Hygiene." C. W. CUNNINGTON, Esq., M.R.C.S.

February 6th, 1903.—"The Education of our Girls." Mrs. C. W. CUNNINGTON.

February 20th, 1903.—"The Training of Musical Instincts," Mrs. WEGUELIN GREENE.

March 6th, 1903.—"Needlework and the Modern Girl." Mrs. GARRETT RICE.

March 20th, 1903.—"Voice Production." Miss D'ORSEY.

April 2nd, 1903.—"Parental Authority." DOUGLAS WILSON, Esq.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

President: Rev. Dr. WALKER, F.L.S.

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The Club numbers 90 members—children and adults. The spring and summer rambles were well attended, the average number present on each excursion being 50.

Two visits to the Natural History Museum on wet days were much enjoyed.

On another occasion, when the weather was unfavourable for walking, a lecture was given at Wembley, by Mrs. L. Douglas Wilson, on "Pond Life."

An exhibition of the children's work and distribution of prizes took place on November 3rd, at Malvern House School, by kind permission of Miss Daniell. The work shown was very encouraging: the paintings of wild flowers in the Nature note books being especially good, and the different collections well aranged. An extra prize was awarded for an essay on "One of our Rambles."

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Number of Members, 63.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 28th, 1902.—"The Application of Educational Principles to Music Teaching." Mrs. Spencer Curwen.

November 20th, 1902.—"Is Education a Failure?" Philip Wicksteed, Esq., M.A.

December 11th, 1902.—"The Aims and Organization of Natural History Clubs." Miss Hart Davis.

December 12th, 1902.—"The Winter Sleep of Animals and Plants"—a lecture to children. Miss Hart Davis.

February 25th, 1903.—Annual Meeting. "Early Tendencies in the Child: How to Check or Develop." Mrs. Sieveking.

March 19th, 1903.—"The Dawn of the Children's Era." Miss Florence B. Reynolds.

April 6th, 1903.—"Parental Influence on Thought and Character." The Lord Bishop of Durham.

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Number of Members, 86.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

September, 1902.—"Talk about Flowers." Miss Sutherland.

October, 1902.—"The Value of Interest in Teaching." Professor Miall.

November, 1902.—"Prayer for and with Our Children." Mrs. Meynell.

December, 1902.—"Wild Animals of Derbyshire, 20,000 years ago." Mr. H. Arnold Bemrose.

January, 1903.—"Carnivorous Plants." Rev. A. Thornley, M.A.

February, 1903.—"A Child's Soul." Rev. Fred. Platt, M.A.

March, 1903—"The Training of the Will." Mrs. Clement Parsons.

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Number of Members, 37.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s*.; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s*.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

May 23rd, 1902.—"State Regulations of Secondary Education for Girls in England and Germany." Miss Lyster.

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September 30th, 1902.—"Gardening as an Occupation for Women." Miss SIEVEKING.

October 24th, 1902.—"The Story of the Virgin Mary as told in pictures by the Great Masters." Miss ANNIE EVANS.

November 20th, 1902.—"Loss of Sympathy between Parents and Children." Mr OLIVE.

January 22nd, 1903.—"The Restlessness of Modern Youth." Miss BETH FINLAY.

March 4th, 1903.—"The Work of Sesame House" Miss BUCKTON.

March 20th, 1903.—"Neurotic Children." Dr. HELEN WEBB.

The Children's Natural History Club held several meetings, and the interest in it is well maintained. The members number 35.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 28th, 1902.—"Truth in Relation to Little Children." Mrs. ENNIS RICHMOND.

October 28th, 1902.—"Obedience." Dr. HELEN WEBB.

November 20th, 1902.—"Schools and Schoolmasters from a Parent's Standpoint." J. W. BRODIE-INNES, Esq.

December 12th, 1902.—"Diet and Exercise" EUSTACE MILES, Esq., M.A.

January 15th, 1903.—"The Counteraction of the Evil Effects of Heredity in Children." Dr. CLOUSTON.

February 18th, 1903.—"Picture Galleries." JAMES CADENHEAD, Esq., R.S.A.

March 17th, 1903.—Conjoint Meeting with Scottish Mothers' Union. Rev. A. CAMPBELL, Provost of St Ninian's, Perth.

May 9th, 1903.—"How to Interest Children in Natural History." Professor ARTHUR THOMSON.

In July, 1902, a preliminary meeting was held at Falcanhall, by Mrs. Bartholomew's kind invitation, for the purpose of forming a Natural History Club among the children of members of the Edinburgh Branch of the P.N.E.U. Miss Newbigin, D.Sc., spoke of the various forms of life to be found on the sea-shore, dwelling on the advantage to be gained by encouraging children

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to form collections of natural history objects. About thirty members were enrolled at the close of the address, and since then the number has been added to. It is hoped that several excursions will be arranged to take place during the summer term.

On Saturday, October 25th, the Annual Exhibition of Children's Collections of Common Things was held at 23, Charlotte Square, in the School Gymnasium. There were among the exhibits—pressed and named botanical specimens, painted flowers, nature note books, shells, butterflies, fossils, pebbles, and some foreign birds' nests. There were four prizes awarded to those considered first in the various sections. The judges were—Miss Newbigin, Miss Buchanan, and Mr. Godfrey: the latter gave a short address at the close to a large audience.

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Number of Members, 25.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 12th, 1902.—"How to show Children the National Gallery." Miss ANNIE EVANS.

This Branch has now lapsed.

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List of Lectures or Meetings :—

October 9th, 1092.—"The Teaching of Science." Dr. McClure.

November 6th, 1902.—"The Restlessness of Modern Youth." Miss Beth Finlay.

December 4th, 1902.—"St. Francis of Assisi." Miss Evans.

February 5th, 1903.—"Pestalozzi." J. Russell, Esq.

March 5th, 1903.—"Boys and Newspapers." J. L. Paton, Esq.

May 19th, 1903.—"Plato's Ideals of Education." W. G. De Burgh, Esq.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mrs. Leese.

The following lectures have been given during the winter session :—

October 11th, 1902.—"The Geology of Finchley." Miss Gertrude Paterson, B.A.

November 15th, 1902.—"Spiders." Miss M. K. Hall (Secretary of the Stepney Borough Museum).

January 31st, 1903.—"Water." A. S. D. Arundel, Esq.

FOREST HILL BRANCH.

President: Rev. A. F. Bird.

Committee:

Rev. A. F. Bird
Dr. Bundey
Mrs. Focke
Mrs. Gray
Mrs. Neilson
Miss Pound
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Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Thornbery, Penrith, Honor Oak Park, S.E.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. D. Elliman.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Gray.

Number of Members, 22.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.* 6*d.*

List of Lectures or Meetings :—

June 21st, 1902.—"The Children's Garden." Rev. A. F. Bird.

October 24th, 1902.—"System of Spelling." Rev. A. Claude Leckell.

November 21st, 1902.—"General Lines of Musical Education." Mrs. Spencer Curwen.

January 23rd, 1903.—"Restlessness of Modern Youth." Miss Beth Finlay.

At the Annual General Meeting on January 23rd, it was decided to discontinue this Branch, as so many of the members had left the neighbourhood.

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GLASGOW BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Mirrlees.

Committee:

Mrs. Allan
Mrs. R. Blackie
Mrs. Frame
Mrs. Maxwell Hannay
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Mrs Kennedy
Mrs. Mirrlees
Mrs. Reilte.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Robert Jardine, 5, Clifton Place, Glasgow.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Maxwell Hannay.

Number of Members, 41.

Annual Subscription without *Review*, 2*s.* 6*d.* The *Parents' Review* can be obtained from the Central Office, price 6*s.* 6*d.* per annum, post free.

List of Lectures or Meetings :—

November 6th, 1902.—"The Care of Eyesight." Dr. Freeland Fergun.

December 5th 1902.—"Higher Musical Culture." Dr. Harper.

February 4th, 1903.—"The Educational Teaching of Ruskin." Councillor William Martin.

March 3rd, 1903.—"Aspects of English University Life." Dr. Spenser.

HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.

President: Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B.

Committee:

J. L. Paton, Esq, M.A. (Chairman).
Mrs Bryant, D.Sc.
Dr. and Mrs. Dyer
Mr. and Mrs. Howgrave Graham
Mrs. Husband
C. Herbert-Smith, Esq, LL.D.
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C. Simmons, Esq, M.A.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Howard Glover, 35, Steeles Road, N.W.

Hon. Treasurer: Dr. Pidcock.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Number of Members, 101.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*, (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

List of Lectures or Meetings :—

October 21st, 1902.—"The Public Schools of England." J. L. Paton, Esq. (Head Master University College School).

November 14th, 1902.—"Emotional Development in Children." Miss Alice Woods (Principal Maria Grey Training College).

December 3rd, 1902.—"How to Study the Old Masters." Miss Cecilia Waern (Art Lecturer).

January 14th, 1903.—"The Teaching of Scripture and the Higher Criticism." Rev. and Hon. E. Lyttelton (Head Master of Haileybury).

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February 17th, 1903.—"The Education Act regarded from an Educational Standpoint." H. A. NESBITT, Esq.

March 18th, 1903.—"Physical Training." EUSTACE MILES, Esq., M.A. (Amateur Tennis Champion).

May, 1903.—"How Parents may inspire their Daughters to feel the Happiness of Work." Miss LILY MONTAGU.

The average attendance at lectures has been 74.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

This branch will join with the other London branches in the Natural History Rambles arranged for May, June and July.

HARROW AND NORTHWOOD BRANCH.

President: Rev. Dr. WOOD (Head Master of Harrow School).

Committee:

Mrs. JERRY BARRETT
Mrs. CHATTAWAY
Mrs. GREGORY-FOSTER
Rev. J. W. JOYCE
Mrs. EDWARD SIEVEKING
Miss ROWLAND-BROWN
Rev. THOMAS SMITH

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. EDWARD SIEVEKING, 4, Lion Road, Harrow.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss EDWARDS.

Branch Representative: Mrs. JERRY BARRETT.

Number of Members, 30.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.* 6*d.*, (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

May 17th, 1902.—Lantern Lecture on "The Moon." Rev. SEPTIMUS HERBERT.

June 7th, 1902.—"Plato." Rev. Canon SCOTT HOLLAND.

September 30th, 1902.—"Health Exercises." Miss ROUSE.

October 8th, 1902.—"Tyranny of Terms"—"The Realist"
October 15th, 1902. ,, ,, "The Hedonist"
October 22nd, 1902. ,, ,, "The Individualist"
} Rev. CONRAD NOEL.

November 4th, 1902.—"Francis, the little poor man of Assisi." Father ADDERLEY.

December 10th, 1902.—"Education in the Use of Money." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

December 21st, 1902.—"Forward, Backward, and Froward Children." Dr. SAVAGE.

January 8th, 1903.—"Co-education." Mr. RICE (West Heath School).

January 28th, 1903.—"British Birds and their Haunts." Mr. KEARTON.

February 11th, 1903.—"Principles of Patriotism." Mr. GILBERT CHESTERTON.

February 21st, 1903.—"Chemistry in Common Household Things." Dr. CHATTAWAY.

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March 7th, 1903.—"The Study of Chatterton." Dr. GREGORY FOSTER.

March 26th, 1903.—"Some English Exiles in Old Flemish Towns." Miss ROWLAND BROWN.

April 3rd, 1903.—"Work of the Sesame House." Miss BUCKTON.

April 28th, 1903.—"Home and School." Dr. KIMMINS, D.Sc.

May 11th, 1903.—"Clay Modelling." Mrs. STEINTHAL.

May 20th, 1903.—"How we got our Revised Version of 1881." Rev. SEPTIMUS HERBERT.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

In the spring and summer months there are expeditions organized under the ægis of a well-known naturalist, which take place from time to time for the children of members of the Harrow Branch.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S BRANCH.

President: Mrs. BATTERHAM.

Committee:

Dr. BATTERHAM
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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

Miss F. A. A. BISHOP, Hastings and St. Leonard's College, Cumberland Gardens, St. Leonards.

Branch Representative: Mrs. E. PERCY SANGER.

Number of Members, 75.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*, (*b*) without *Review*, 2*s.* 6*d.*

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

January 23rd, 1903.—"College Life for Girls." Miss GUINNESS.

February 11th, 1903.—"The Use and Abuse of Nervous Energy in Girls and Women" Dr. HELEN BOYLE.

March 9th, 1903.—"Some Causes of Failure in the Religious Teaching of our Children." Rev. CANON BROOKE.

April 2nd, 1903.—"Children's Worship." Mrs. BATTERHAM.

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Number of Members, 41.

November 28th, 1902.—"Nature Study in Winter." Miss KENNEDY.

December 3rd, 1902.—An Exhibition of Work and Microscope Display.

February 2nd, 1903.—"Shells and their Makers." Miss KENNEDY.

March 6th, 1903.—"The Adaptation of Plants to their Environment." Miss CAMERON.

Walks were taken on November 21st and December 5th, 1902, and on February 6th and March 10th, 1903.

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HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.

Chairman of Executive: A. T. SCHOFIELD, Esq., M.D.

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

Mrs. ERNEST L. FRANKLIN, 50, Porchester Terrace, Hyde Park.

Branch Representative: Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON.

Number of Members, 197.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s*., (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s*.
Practically all the members take in the *Parents' Review*.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

May 2nd, 1902.—"Our Boarding School System." Mr. J. L. PATON.

October 7th, 1902.—"What is Poetry?" Mr. H. NESBITT.

November 18th, 1902.—"The Training of the Will." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

December 2nd and 9th, 1902.—"Plain Talks on the Moral Training of Children: first, 1 to 10 years old; second, 10 to 20." Mrs. SCOTT MALDEN.

January 22nd, 1903.—"How to Teach Children to Draw." Mr. F. YATES.

February 11th, 1903.—"Mental Backgrounds." Professor JOHN ADAMS, M.A., B.Sc.

March 18th, 1903.—"The Use and Abuse of Nervous Energy in Girls and Young Women." Dr. HELEN BOYLE.

Natural History Excursions, conducted by Miss Beatrice Taylor, were arranged during the summer months for the members of the combined Hyde Park and Hampstead Branches. Twenty-two children joined and twelve adults.

IPSWICH.

President: LADY FARREN.

Committee:

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Rev. W. E. and Mrs. FLETCHER
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Hon. Secretary: Mrs. F. W. TURNER, Ravenhill, Ipswich.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. ARTHUR PEARCE.

Number of Members, 48.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s*., (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s*.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

May 12th, 1902.—"Our Daughters and their Training." Miss MAYNARD.

November 26th, 1902.—"How the P.N.E.U. will help Parents." Mrs. HOWARD GLOVER.

December 11th, 1902.—"Talk upon Home Work." C. SIMMONS, Esq., M.A.

January 14th, 1903.—"Holiday Occupations." Miss PARISH.

February 19th, 1903.—"The Culture of Spirit Life in Children." Rev. W. E. FLETCHER, M.A.

March 17th, 1903.—"Children's Books of the 18th and 19th Centuries." Mrs. E. P. RIDLEY.

April 22nd, 1903.—"Discipline." Mrs. RICHMOND.

The Children's Natural History Club is conducted by Mr. WOOLNOUGH (Curator of the Museum) and the "Talks" to the children are held there monthly. The subjects this year are:—"Early Spring Flowers," "Shell Fishes," "Plants Awake and Asleep," "Corals and How they Grow," "Birds and the Sea Coast," "Elephants and other large Animals," "Injurious Insects."

There are between 30 and 40 members.

KIDDERMINSTER BRANCH.

President:

Rev. H. de B. GIBBINS, D. Lit.

Committee:

Mrs. PETER ADAM
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Mrs. PENRHYS EVANS
Mrs. PRIESTLEY EVANS
Miss FRIEND
Mrs. H. de B. GIBBINS
Mrs. NEWCOMB
Mrs. THURSFIELD
Mrs. R. WOODWARD

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Miss MARY E. IVENS, Sunnyside, Franche, Kidderminster.

Number of Members, 21.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s*., (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s*.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

May 24th, 1902.—"Individuality of the Child." Mrs. SHERBROOKE WALKER.

October, 1902.—"Thought-turning as a Factor in Training of Children." *Paper by* Dr. HELEN WEBB, *read by* Miss M. E. IVENS.

November 5th, 1902.—"Duty of Parents to Schools." Mrs. RALPH (of Reading).

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LEEDS BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Gibson.

Committee:

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Mrs. R. W. Eddison
Mrs. Oxley Ingham
Mrs. Miall
Mrs. Smithells
Mrs. J. H. Wicksteed

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. G. Simpson, 44, Hyde Terrace, Leeds.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss Brunton.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Wicksteed.

Number of Members, 90.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 8*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 2*s.* 6*d.*

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 6th, 1902.—"Minor Morals." Miss Wordsworth.

November 5th, 1902.—"How to encourage a Love of Literature in Children." Miss M'Croben.

December 3rd, 1902.—"Stages in the Religious Life of Children." Rev. W. H Draper.

January 28th, 1903.—"Moral Training of Boys." Rev. J. R. Wynne-Edwards.

February 24th, 1903.—"Attitude of the Leisured Classes towards the Nursery." Mrs. Sieveking.

A Natural History Club, worked in connection with Leeds Branch, numbers 60 members, and has regular lectures conducted by Miss Mary Simpson, with country excursions every fortnight.

LEWES BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. Blencowe
Mrs. Burder
Dr. & Mrs. Fawssett
Rev. & Mrs. Marrable
Mrs. F. Verrall.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Fawssett, 83, High Street, Lewes.

Assistant Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Burder.

Branch Representative: Mrs. J. Blencowe.

Number of Members, 66 (54 subscriptions).

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 9*s.* 6*d.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 3*s.*

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 5th, 1902.—"Ambidexterity: Its Acquisition and Uses." Mr. John Jackson.

December 3rd, 1902.—"Literature for Children." Mr. Chesterton.

February 4th, 1903.—"A Talk about Old Lewes." The Rev. Dr. Belcher.

March 4th, 1903.—"The Why's and Wherefore's of the P.N.E.U." Mrs. Clement Parsons.

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NORWOOD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

President: C. E. Tritton, Esq., M.P.

Committee:

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Mrs. Thring
J. Bolland, Esq.
and Officers.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. J. Douglas, 42, Central Hill, Norwood.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. W. B. Silverlock.

Branch Representative: Miss L. Beddow.

Number of Members, 29.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 12th, 1902.—"The Birth of the Soul." J. J. Bolland, Esq.

December 9th, 1902.—Discussion on "Children's Holidays."

January 12th, 1903.—"Teaching to Think." The Rev. the Hon. Canon Lyttelton.

February 20th, 1903.—"Neurotic Children." Dr. Helen Webb.

March 10th, 1903.—"Playthings." Dr. Lazarus Barlow.

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There were six outdoor meetings of the Natural History Club for children, under the guidance of Francis Rowbotham, Esq., great interest being shown by all. The membership is now 31.

HEALTH LECTURES.

Dr. A. T. Schofield kindly gave a course of Health Lectures to members of the P.N.E.U. and their friends throughout the past winter. The lectures were attended by over 50 people, many of whom are going in for examination.

READING BRANCH.

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Vice-Presidents:

The Rev. F. T. Colson, M.A., and A. H. Cunningham, Esq., B.A.

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Mrs. Hart-Davis (Pres. N. H. Club)
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*Mrs. C. E. Stansfield
Mrs. Sharp
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F. H. Wright, Esq.

* Committee for Natural History Club.

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Branch Representative: Miss MUSSON.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. W. C. LONG, 37 and 39, London Street.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

DRYLAND HASLAM, Jun., Esq., Serai, Craven Rd., or Friar Street Chambers.

Number of Members, 85.

Annual Subscription without *Review*, 2*s.* 6*d.* *The Parents' Review* can be obtained from the Central Office, 6*s.* 6*d.* per annum, post free.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

June 6th, 1902.—"Observation in Childhood: its Development and Direction." B. J. AUSTIN, Esq.

October 2nd, 1902.—"The Preparation of Girls for University Studies." Miss MARSLAND.

November 28th, 1902.—"Elocution." Miss HAY.

January 29th, 1903.—Story Telling for Little Children." Miss BOLAM.

March 26th, 1903.—"Horticulture for Women." W. H. PATTERSON, Esq.

April 23rd, 1903.—"The Duties of Parents to Schools." Mrs. RALPH.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Hon. Secretary for 1903, Mr. SPENCER THORPE, St. Helen's, Alexander Road, Reading.

Work has been carried on vigorously throughout the year. The Club now numbers 130 members, of whom 73 are children and 57 are adults; there are 8 Associates. The Committee are sorry to have to record a decrease in membership; this is due to the partial withdrawal of one or two schools, to removals from the neighbourhood, and other causes, but they *strongly* feel that in spite of this decrease in numbers, a keener interest has been shown on the Excursions by those who have attended them, and they believe that many among the old and new members are acquiring a real and intelligent love of Nature.

The *Children's Quarterly* has been published regularly throughout the year. The circulation continues to be satisfactory. It spreads more outside Reading than it does among our own members. We wish we could record more subscribers among our own P.N.E.U. members. The portfolio of paintings in connection with the *Quarterly* is very well supported, and usually contains some good work done by children.

The following programme has been carried out:—

May 1st, 1902.—A talk was given in the Abbey Hall, by Miss Mary Hart-Davis, explaining "The Process of Ice-making." 34 present.

May 3rd, 1902.—A party, about 45 in number, visited the Ice Factory, by kind permission of Mr. Carling, and witnessed the actual Making of Ice.

May 13th 1902.—Talk by Frederick Keeble, Esq., at Grove House, on "How to keep a Nature Note Book," and short stroll in Leighton Park. 36 present.

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May 31st, 1902.—Ramble to Bradfield from Pangbourne, kindly conducted by Dr. Norman Joy. Tea at Bradfield. Walk to Theale Station *via* Englefield Park, by kind permission of Herbert Benyon, Esq. 39 present.

June 14th, 1902.—Excursion to Dunsden. The party were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by Mrs. Hart-Davis, President of the Club. Only 25 were present, as the weather was very uncertain.

July 12th, 1902.—Excursion to Sulham Woods, by kind permission of Miss Wilder. About 35 present.

July 26th, 1902.—Excursion to Silchester Common, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cooper. 24 present. Weather very showery.

September 20th, 1902.—Excursion to Peppard. Visit to the Rectory to see Canon Fowler's fine Collection of Insects. About 50 present.

October 7th, 1902.—Address by the Rev. W. H. Summers, "What Insects do for Flowers," illustrated by lantern slides (lantern kindly lent by Mr. H. A. King).

October 25th, 1902.—Annual Exhibition of Work done by Members and an Address by Mrs. Hart-Davis, President of the Club.

November 11th, 1902.—"Some Small People, their Ways and Wisdom." Mrs. CHANNING.

November 25th, 1902.—"Tea Cosies and Foot Warmers." Miss MARY HART-DAVIS.

December 9th, 1902.—"Ants," illustrated by lantern slides. Rev. CANON FOWLER.

January 27th, 1903.—NORMAN H. JOY, Esq., M.R.C.S., "Something about Birds," illustrated by lantern slides.

February 10th, 1903.—"British Animals and Men of 10,000 years ago." HASTINGS GILFORD, Esq., F.R.C.S.

March 3rd, 1903.—"Insect-eating Plants." F. W. STANSFIELD, Esq. M.D.

March 24th, 1903.—"Mimicry in Animals," illustrated by lantern slides. Rev. CANON FOWLER.

REIGATE AND REDHILL.

President: DR. STONE.

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Hon. Secretary: Miss AMBLER, Caerleon, Deering Road, Reigate.

Hon. Treasurer: H. SEWILL, Esq.

Number of Members, 32.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

The Branch was opened by Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS in November, 1902.

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

November 28th, 1902.—"The Aims and Works of the Parents' National Educational Union." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

February 6th, 1903.—"Habit." Miss HELEN WEBB, M.B.

March 24th, 1903.—"The Educational Value of the Study of Natural History." Mrs. SIEVEKING.

A Natural History Club has been formed in connection with the local Branch, and the first expedition took place on April 17th, and was conducted by Professor ROWBOTHAM.

RICHMOND AND KEW BRANCH.

President: G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH, Esq., B.A., M.D.

Committee:

Mrs. BANKS
Miss COOKE
Miss ROWE
Mrs. SCOTT
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L. T. THORNE, Esq., Ph.D. (vice-president)

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BANKS, Lindores, Branstone Road, Kew Gardens.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. SCOTT.

Branch Representative: Miss ROWE.

Number of Members, 28.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

May 15th, 1902.—"Ivy." Professor BOULGER, F.R.S.

July, 1902.—"Education in the Use of Money." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

October 9th, 1902.—"The Wonders of Rain." C. CARUS WILSON.

October 16th, 1902.—"The Mighty Ocean." C. CARUS WILSON.

October 23rd, 1902.—"Lime Stone and Coral Reefs." C. CARUS WILSON.

October 30th, 1902.—"Volcanoes and Geysers." C. CARUS WILSON.

November 21st, 1902.—"Thought Turning as a Factor in the Training of Character." MISS HELEN WEBB.

December 4th, 1902.—The Registration of Teachers' Order. Discussion.

February 7th, 1903.—"Bible Teaching To-day." Rev. A. W. HUTTON, M.A.

March 31st, 1903.—"A Classical Education." C. D. OLIVE, Esq. M.A.

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SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.

President: The Right Rev. THE LORD BISHOP OF HULL.

Committee:

Mr. ARTHUR BAILEY
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Mrs. E. A. COOPER
Mrs. J. E. ELLIS
Miss FIELD HALL
Mrs. HANDCOCK
Mrs. T. J. HART
Miss MARGARET MCCALLUM
Dr. SALTER
Mrs. F. TUGWELL
Mrs. ED. WALLIS

Hon. Secretary: Mr. GEORGE ROWNTREE, Riseborough, Oliver's Mount, Scarborough.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. GODFREY.

Branch Representative: Mrs. ELLIS.

Number of Members, 60.

Annual Subscription without *Review*, 3*s.* 6*d.* *The Parents' Review* can be obtained from the Central Office, 6*s.* 6*d.* per annum, post free.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 30th, 1902.—"Co-operation between Parent and Schoolmaster." Rev. E. C. OWEN, M.A. (Headmaster of St. Peter's School, York).

November 18th, 1902.—Address by THE BISHOP.

December 10th, 1902.—"Nature Study at Home and at School." Miss HART DAVIS (University College, Reading).

February, 1903.—"Teaching Poetry to Children." Mrs. SIMPSON (Leeds).

March, 1903.—"What Really Matters," or "Educational Values in the Education of Girls." Miss BODY (Head Mistress Queen Margaret's School).

April, 1903.—"The Teaching of Modern Languages." A. S. TETLEY, Esq., M.A. (Head Master Municipal School).

WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT.

President: The Right Rev. The LORD BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD.

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Mrs. J. LIVESEY LEE
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Dr. WILSON

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. T. W. WALKER, The Elms, Wakefield.

Branch Representative: Mrs. MILNES GASKELL.

Number of Members, 64.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.*; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

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List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 9th, 1902.—"The Value of Home Life in Education." Mrs. WAGER.

November 10th, 1902.—"English Educational Apathy contrasted with Foreign Educational Enthusiasm." Dr. REDDIE.

December 11th, 1902.—"For their sakes I sanctify myself." Miss SIMON.

January 8th, 1903.—"Time for Growth." The Rev. the Hon. Canon LYTTELTON.

February 23rd, 1903.—"How to recognise early tendencies in the Child, and check or develop them." Mrs. SIEVEKING.

March 26th, 1903.—"Personality in Children." The Rev. J. G. SIMPSON.

The interest in the Natural History Club has been well maintained, but as most of the children have now the same sort of teaching at school, the Committee have decided to discontinue the walks, at any rate for this year.

This Branch continues to have a box of books from the Central Office, but they are not made as much use of as could be wished.

Hon. Librarian: Mrs. PLEWS, Hatfield House, Wakefield.

WEYBRIDGE BRANCH.

President: Rev. W. B. MONEY.

Committee:

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Miss DAWES	Mrs. RUTSON
Rev. C. W. FORMBY	M. E. SADLER, Esq.
Mrs. FULLER	Mrs. SADLER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. F. NEWBOLT, Oakley Lodge, Weybridge.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. SADLER.

Number of Members, 36.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s*.; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s*.

List of Lectures or Meetings:—

October 29th, 1902.—"Hero-Worship." Miss TROUTBECK.

November 20th, 1902.—"What Plato has to say to Parents." Rev. Canon SCOTT HOLLAND.

December 16th, 1902.—"The Need of Effort." Mrs. CREIGHTON.

February 11th, 1903.—"Feelings as a Factor in Education." Mr. J. L. PATON.

March 26th, 1903.—"Useful Insects." Mr. W. REID.

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WINCHESTER BRANCH.

President: Mrs. BURGE.

Committee:

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